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1917	Jas. D. McNeill	A. H. Boyden, J. H. Wood	Jno. L. Miller	C. Schnibben	Chas. D. Farmer	Morehead City
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1927	A. L. Duckett	R. C. Whitley	Jno. L. Miller	C. Schnibben	C. C. Harris	Greensboro
1928	A. L. Duckett	R. C. Whitley	Jno. L. Miller	C. Schnibben	C. C. Harris	New Berne
1929	A. L. Duckett	R. C. Whitley	Jno. L. Miller	C. Schnibben	C. C. Harris	Hendersonville
1930	R. C. Whitley	F. D. Shaw	Jno. L. Miller	C. Schnibben	C. C. Harris	Morehead City
1931	R. C. Whitley	F. D. Shaw	Jno. L. Miller	C. Schnibben	C. C. Harris	Statesville
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1933	W. H. Palmer	W. S. Long	Jno. L. Miller	A. B. Horney	C. C. Harris	Salisbury
1934	W. H. Palmer	W. S. Long	Jno. L. Miller	A. B. Horney	C. C. Harris	Charlotte
1935	W. S. Long	W. E. Holland	Jno. L. Miller	A. B. Horney	C. C. Harris	Wilmington
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Opening Session

CITY AUDITORIUM
Tuesday, August 5th, 1941
Ten o'clock A. M.

D. E. SHUFORD, Hickory, N. C., President:

Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Now, under the authority vested in me I call the fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association to order.

INVOCATION

By Reverend S. J. Perkinson
Chaplain of the Asheville Fire Department

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, again and again for the great opportunity we have of gathering together. We thank Thee for every man attending this convention. We pray Thy blessing upon them,—we ask thy blessing upon not only the men at-

tending the convention but also upon the men who are not here—those that are back on the job. We realize that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord. We are opening this session with Thy name being lifted up. "If I be lifted up," said the Lord, "I will draw all men unto me."

Bless everything that is done and said; may it all be done to Thy honor and glory. We ask in His Name and for His sake. Amen.

SONG: "GOD BLESS AMERICA"
"AMERICA"

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

At this time I wish to recognize Chief Fitzgerald of the Asheville Fire Department.

CHIEF J. C. FITZGERALD:

Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, Fellow Firemen, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Fire Department I want to welcome each and every one of you, and if there is anything that we can do to make your stay more enjoyable I want you to call on us.

At this time I want to present to you the Mayor of Asheville, who will welcome you.

MR. L. LYONS LEE, Mayor of the City of Asheville:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In looking over the field of speakers who are to welcome you today I feel that this has developed into something of a contest, and knowing the ability of these speakers I feel that I am eliminated before I start, but it is my privilege to bring to you official greetings from the governing body of our City.

It is a pleasure to have you ladies and gentlemen assemble here in Asheville. It is always a pleasure and a privilege to welcome to Asheville those who gather here for converence in convention, but it is a double privilege to welcome such a gathering as this, coming from all parts of our great State. As I remarked yesterday in speaking to the Fire Chiefs, I don't know of an organization that has done more for their fellow men in saving life and property than this organization which it is your privilege to represent.

We in Asheville are proud of our Fire Department. We have watched it grow to its present standard of efficiency through a

period of many years. We look with respect to those who have served in the past and respect and pay tribute to the fine men serving in the Asheville Fire Departmnt today, and I am sure every city throughout North America has the same kindly feeling of men who serve in their particular city.

I hope that you ladies and gentlemen will combine pleasure with your business and take advantage of this opportunity to see some of the many points of interest in and around our city. Particularly I hope you will drive out on our sky-line drive and see one of the finest pieces of engineering anywhere in the country. I seldom think of the highway without being reminded of an incident that happened in its beginning. North Carolina and Tennessee were contending for the highway. North Carolina wanted it to follow the Blue Ridge of North Carolina, and Tennessee wanted it to follow the lower stretches of Tennessee. A committee was formed by Mr. Ickies and a representative from each State. Senator Bailey arose to take the position of North Carolina, and as he marked the route on the map he turned to Secretary Ickies and said, "Mr. Ickies, if you are honest in what you say, that you intend to build a highway combining the Shennandoah with the mountains, God Almighty has already made the highway for you, but if you are not interested and want to build a road connecting these great parks, then," he said, "North Carolina has nothing to present."

I hope you will enjoy your stay in Asheville. I hope you will take away to your home something in your hearts to give you a beautiful recollection of this occasion and it will make you want to return to our Land of the Sky and visit with us often.

I thank you.

CHIEF FITZGERALD:

Thank you, Mr. Lyons. I wish now to present to you Mr. J. E. Divilbiss, Vice Mayor of the City of Asheville, who was a fireman at one time, and one of the boys.

J. E. DIVILBISS, Vice Mayor:

Mr. President, Fellow Firemen, Ladies and Gentlemen:

About seventeen years ago I was dismissed from the service on account of a paying fire department, but I have never heard the bell ring yet that I did not hit the wagon.

Today I see men here from volunteer departments, from paid departments, men from partly paid departments and men from strictly volunteer departments. My congratulations go to you all, especially the men of the Volunteer departments.

I have always observed in the twenty years that I have been connected with the fire department different pieces of apparatus. Men in the volunteer department of the small towns need instruction and cooperation, and this is your opportunity to get it. You have a number of men here to consult with, and you should take advantage of this great opportunity.

There are several addresses of welcome. The Mayor has greeted you officially, and I am going to represent the men of the Fire Department. I am sure that the members of the Asheville Fire Department hope and trust that each and every one of you will enjoy the trip to the mountains. My understanding is that Thursday morning you are to go to the Smokies. You will go along the highway and some of you boys from the flat country will see some interesting events. They shoot corn up in the spring with a shot-gun and roll it down in a keg in the fall. Some, I have been told, will make three gallons to the acre.

I am sure, seriously speaking, on behalf of the men of the Fire Department, who are all my friends, as well as the governing body, welcome you here and wish that you may have the best time you have ever had at a convention.

I thank you.

CHIEF FITZGERALD:

Thank you. I now present the City Manager, P. M. Burdette.

MR. BURDETTE, City Manager:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the most unusual convention that I have ever seen in Asheville. As a rule, just one of our high-powered officials is all that is necessary to see that an assembly is properly welcomed, but we have called out the entire department for this occasion. We have the Mayor, the Vice-mayor, the City Manager, the Chief of the Asheville Fire Department, and the Secretary of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. But, combining all that may be said and thought and felt by these men only represents a part of the real depth of welcome that we feel to your coming. You are a part of our people. You are almost home people. We see a good many of you that we have seen here before, and I am sure we are going to see you again.

I am just greeting you; I am not going to welcome you any more. I want to doubly welcome Jerome Flora, the one-man band, City Mayor, Chief of the Fire Department, past President of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, and President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

I hope you gentlemen, and ladies, enjoy your stay in Asheville. Asheville's hospitality is open to you. If there is anything you want and do not get, I hope you will ask for it. If any of you want a drink just ask the Chief; he will get it for you. We have the finest water supply in the world.

CHIEF FITZGERALD:

A Fire Department, when they are having a convention or anything, think they have to call on the Chamber of Commerce, and we work hand-in-hand with them. They are very close to us and it would be impossible for us to do without the Chamber of Commerce.

At this time I present Mr. Malcolm Ainsworth, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

MR. MALCOLM AINSWORTH:

We are sure that when we have finished you will be satisfied that we are happy to have you in Asheville. I am particularly glad that you saw fit to accept the invitation of Chief Fitzgerald. We believe that we have one of the cleanest, finest bunch of men in the Asheville Fire Department that is to be found anywhere. We are particularly glad to have you come here and know our members of that department and enjoy some of the climate which has been especially arranged for you.

I am thinking of a man somewhat like Mr. Flora that lived in Georgia. He was city manager, mayor, and chief of the fire department and everything. He was welcoming a convention, and you have here the same sort of welcome. He gave the key to the city and everything with it, and he said: "There is just one thing we don't stand for. We don't stand for anybody getting drunk, but in case you misunderstand me," he said, "we don't think anybody is drunk who can stand, sit or lie in a good size horse lot."

We are very happy indeed to have you here. We know that Chief Fitzgerald and all members of the Fire Department are going to see that all of your wants are taken care of, and in case you can't find the Chief come to the Chamber of Commerce and we will be happy to give you every assistance possible.

CHIEF FITZGERALD: We will now turn the meeting over to the President.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

I am going to ask a man who needs no introduction to this audience; a man we all love, to respond to these wonderful addresses, Ex-president Jerome Flora.

MR. FLORA:

Mr. President, Governor Hoey, Mr. Mayor, Mr. City Manager, Mr. Ainsworth, Chief Fitzgerald, distinguished close comrades, ladies and gentlemen:

It is indeed a happy pleasure and a great joy in behalf of the membership of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association to respond to the wonderful addresses of welcome that have been made and extended to us this morning. Speaking for the firemen of North Carolina and the association and members, it is indeed a pleasure to come to your beautiful City of Asheville. We have a kindred spirit for the City of Asheville, not only because it is our chief City of the west, but because when we get here we feel that we are living that slogan that you carry—"In the Land of the Sky". We feel that we are closer to Nature, that we are away up here where the fleecy clouds play hide and seek with Sunset and Pisgah and Mitchell and all the mountains and ranges of this beautiful country. We feel that we are nearer to nature because we are nearer to Heaven's blue and can commune in thought and memory to thoughts that soar out to the great unknown. We are glad to be here in Asheville because of rich traditions, historic background, song and legend. We are happy to be here because it is the capital of Buncombe County, among renowned patriots who helped build this great state of ours. It carries to mind the great Zebulon Vance, who carried the great state in those horrible days, such as are perhaps staring us in the face today.

Mr. Mayor, I would like to tell you a few things about the organization we represent this morning. Fifty-four summers ago there was born a lusty infant. It was named the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. At the borning of this infant there were immortal souls such as Ben ———————— Greene and Hart and James McNeill. Through their caressing hands this infant has grown to manhood; there the reins they dropped were picked up by other souls that gave their best that this organization might live. Among those that come to my mind this morning is one of the great men who has answered the last call, our beloved past president, Lon Duckett. I know today he is sitting on high looking down with a twinkle in his eye and a song on his lips to see this association carrying on the tradition. We have an organization today composed of over two hundred organized fire departments. Every organization, every department in the State of North Carolina is a member of this organization. They have assets of over half a million dollars; its membership consists of over four thousand men who are the cross section of all that is

good in manhood in North Carolina. We have poor men, rich men, doctors and lawyers, merchants, chiefs; we have merchanics and working boys. We have all that is good in this great state represented by that group that are seated in this audience. They are men who have entered the first line of defense. They are men that recall to my mind a story in the paper a short time ago. It seems that in one of the southern states a boy was called by the draft. He was given a questionaire, and, as you know, these questionaires have lots of questions. He took the stub of a pencil, went off in a corner and tried to answer the questions, and finally he came up and on the back of the questionaire he wrote these important words: "I'se ready when you'se ready." That is what I think applies to the firemen of North Carolina. "They are ready when you are ready," and when duty calls, there you will find them.

Mr. Mayor, again I wish to express to you our deep appreciation for your warm hospitality and greetings. Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, I thank you.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

At this time I am going to call upon one of our own men to introduce the next speaker. In looking over the audience I didn't see but one man that I thought could introduce and do justice to our next speaker, and I now take pleasure in asking our own Sherwood Brockwell to do this.

SHERWOOD BROCKWELL:

Mr. Chairman, Officers of the Association, distinguished Guests, ladies and gentlemen, and you fellows that have been making a good living for me for the last twenty-seven yars:

This is like lightning out of a clear sky—they call on me to introduce a great man who will speak to you in just a few minutes. I will have to borrow from the Mayor of Asheville who spoke about the great country and apply something he said to this young and handsome Divilbiss, Jr. The first time I saw him he was at Morehead City attending a convention. He was fresh from the mountains and hadn't learned to walk on flat ground. He gave us this (demonstrates). We told him he didn't know how to walk in flat country, and he replied, "This is a great opportunity for me to learn." Right now I present myself as an outstanding, flat-footed, hairy-chested example of the truth of what he said, because I want all of you to know your President has learned that the best way to keep Sherwood Brockwell from making a long speech is to let him introduce a real speaker.

North Carolina has many historical dates, but in my honest opinion one of the greatest years in North Carolina's history is 1901, because in that year North Carolina, coming out of what we remember as the Reconstruction days, looking forward with nothing but hope, over in Cleveland County they picked out a printer's devil, a long-jointed boy who hadn't been around much, but he learned where he went, and they sent him to the General Assembly of North Carolina. That is the day North Carolina started to quit being the "Rip Van Winkle State" and started building the present standard as the outstanding State of the United States. From that day until this that man has helped develop and been a part and parcel of everything worth while in this great State of North Carolina. He is a man that covers a territory that only few men can cover. He is a man who possesses, and is proud of, the friendship of practically every man in North Carolina and practically every woman in North Carolina. He is a man who understands and is sympathetic with every weakness of every man and every woman in North Carolina but possessing none of them, and it is a great pleasure at this time to present to you a man who is not only a part of every part of North Carolina but a man who, without a doubt, is North Carolina's greatest citizen, Honorable Clyde Hoey from Shelby.

ADDRESS BY HON. CLYDE R. HOEY

GOVERNOR CLYDE HOEY:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

If I thought you would believe what Sherwood Brockwell said I wouldn't make a speech at all. I like his recommendation mighty well. It sounded to me like he made a good speech. I am doubly happy that he didn't say what a friend of Senator James said in introducing him to an audience. He said: "I am not going to bore you with a speech this morning, but will introduce to you a man who will."

I am so happy to come to your convention. I always wanted that privilege but somehow was engaged and denied that privilege, and am all the more happy this morning that I can meet with you.

I do not know of men more interested in affairs that concern their State than you because you are engaged in the matter of protecting not only property but citizens. I have observed firemen everywhere I go and they seem to be always in a good humor.

I think that's fine. We ought to be like our colored friends for that reason especially. Most anywhere you see them they are rather in a good humor, taking things fair and easy and do not worry so much. If they worry much they go to sleep and then feel better about it when they wake up. I read Hambone the other morning; I always read Hombone. I saw a picture of him and the picture looked radiant. I was interested. Underneath was the inscription, and here's what it was: The boss said, "Hambone, you look like you are feeling good this morning." "Yes, sir, I'm feeling good." The boss said, "What do you do every week-end?", and Hambone said, "I can't tell you that but I will tell you this: If you will just go with me one Saturday night you wouldn't be a white man for anything in the world." I am not recommending that you practice Hambone's doctrine but I rather like his philosophy.

I am sure you who have come to Asheville have been impressed, if you have not made the trip many times, by the beauty and attractiveness of the State, and all of you who live in this part of the State should transfer yourselves and go to eastern North Carolina. Above all the beautiy of the State, and above all the resources and everything it has to offer to its people I think the spirit of the people of North Carolina that is typified by your organization is most wonderful. I like the firemen and the things they do. I like the idea of putting out fires. I think that is important here and may be very important hereafter.

Sherwood Brockwell was talking about 1901, and about that time the preachers preached a lot about sin, temperance, judgment and hell, and a lot of uncomfortable subjects. A friend of mine was conducting a meeting and another friend from Pennsylvania was in North Carolina, and I suggested that he go and hear my friend preach a sermon. So he went out to hear him, and the next morning I said, "Did you hear Brother ————? He said, "Yes." I said, "How did he get along?" He said, "Alright." I said, "What was the sermon?" He said, "It was a terrible sermon." I said, "What did he preach about?" He said, "Hell." I said, "How did he preach?" He said, "He seemed to be pretty familiar with the subject, talked like he was born and raised there."

I notice about how much is saved in property values and how often the lives of people are saved by the activity and daring and by the adventures and risks of the firemen. I have always observed this throughout my life, that whenever you find men whose occupation or whose calling requires exhibition of courage and faith, these men become wonderfully grounded in the courage

that makes men sound. The combination of courage and faith with the service which he renders makes him the very subject of the envelopement of these attributes and service which go to make for real manhood. As we think and do, things rather come to pass. If we visualize everything moving along well and maintain a good attitude toward society it is reflected back to us. If we go about in our service ministering to other people and rendering assistance we find them doubling back to us. So that the fireman in the exercise of his dangerous task many times and in the taking of risks, and adventures which he makes, all those things call for an exhibition of courage, coolness and faith; likewise the very exhibition of those things on his part, and the service is reflected back to him and the public come to be benefitted as well as he.

I would like to talk to you this morning about the spirit of the firemen as manifested in this hour when everything is peaceful, quiet and calm and no trouble, we may well feel that we can go along in the usual way, but when times change and the serious crisis arises then comes the time for people to think in the broader realization of life. Thomas Jefferson said a man should love his neighbor as himself and love his country more than himself. We sometimes fail to think in terms of our country. We take the great freedom as a matter of course and do not pause to thank our forefathers for the things which have been provided for us, but when times of distress come and so many people have lost their liberty, and freedom and justice have been denied them, then is the time to take inventory of our own situation. It is time to take inventory and say that we are a people blessed as no other people are blessed today, and we owe these attributes of loyal service, consecration and dedication to our forefathers. Men and women when they contemplate this sort of relation become willing to make sacrifices. We have large taxes to pay; we shall have great expenditures to make for our national defense; we shall have our sons in many camps in training; they shall be taken from their ordinary activities and trained for emergencies. We have to do this to meet the conditions which must be met in order to be adequately and fully prepared for whatever may await us in the realm of the world. I do not know what the future holds, but I am not pessimistic. I believe in America; I believe in the men and women of America. I know her resources and her people. I know the inventions of her people. I know that some of the things which have dealt deadly destruction to the world have been invented by North Carolinians. I know that this nation has invented more than any of the other great nations of the world. America leads the way of the world in all of the great inventions. Knowing the capabilities of America, the resources of America, and above

all else the spirit of the people of America, I believe we will be able to wend our way through the changing scenes as they come, and we shall reserve for ourselves this day and for our children, and for our children's children the everlasting heritage of freedom and justice which has been provided for us. Would that there might be throughout the length and breadth of this nation the spirit that we have in this State. Our people believe in the fundamental things of life; we believe it so much that we are willing to go the length and breadth of the nation to protect it. We love peace. Our nation has been a peaceful nation. A small part of our time in the last hundred and sixty-five years has our nation engaged in war. The last seventy-five years we have been engaged in war about three years and it was not for a selfish purpose; it was not for the acquisition of territory; it was not for the desire of possession; it was not for greed. We came along and freed Cuba; we were ready to free the Phillipines any time. We went to Mexico to save the destruction of property; in the World War we played a tremendous part. I shall not take time to discuss the League of Nations. I believe in order to maintain peace we have to have national police to protect and guide the Nation. We have policemen to maintain order; we have the sheriff's office of the county to maintain order. When a policeman arrests a man he arrests him by virtue of the law and he is a representative of the law, and the offender knows if he resists arrest from this man more will come and enough to complete the arrest. A nation that wants to create war and disturbance ought to know that there is sufficient power to stop them. If we had that sort of force I think we might be able to prevent the wars of the future. It may be that God has given the nation another chance to demonstrate its power. It may be that He is going to call on America now to demonstrate afresh her leadership that peace of the world may be secure, and quiet and calm might be given the heritage of men everywhere.

I trust we shall not have to enter the war, but if called to see that in the spirit of America we are willing to do whatever is necessary in order to stop Hitler. Nine or ten nations have fallen to Hitler in his lust for control. He has twisted the tail of the Bear, and possibly the Bear is going to take after him. While I have no love for Russia, I am now hoping that Russia shall entertain Germany for a good long time, and great pleasure comes when they get a little of the advantage in the conflict. As we face the situation of the war it has been demonstrated that the German lines are not invincible on land; they have never come against a great power; they have run over little lands and come in such fury and power the small nation cannot stand it. The power of the great nation of America and Great Britain is a

mighty force. As I look across the sea my confidence in humanity increases. While Great Britain has not been perfect, my heart somehow swells with gratitude, that with shot and shell bursting from the sky they have arisen with the rising sun to take up and resist the German onslaught. I salute England; she is justifying the heritage of the Father and laying afresh service in sacrifice and consecration today. We are happy that we are sending supplies and reinforcement to sustain and give her power to resist and overcome, and we pray the God of Hosts to be with her yet. I congratulate the people of America; I know the nation is a great fortress in peace. The spirit of America to England and those who fight with her gives fresh courage to all the people of the world, and realizing the great power we feel forced to see that liberty and freedom does not perish from the earth.

As we think of our duty and courage, and as we make sacrifices in the way of taxes and other things, I want us to make sacrifice also in the consecration to our country and want us to know that it is our duty to give whole-heartedly our aid. I do not believe that we would or should ask our boys to go to war at twenty-one dollars a month and permit men who get five, ten, fifteen and twenty dollars a day to strike and hold up development of the industries to aid in war. Every man who works ought to be glad when he thinks what it means to be a warking man in communistic Russia or Germany, where he has no voice as to how much he gets, how many hours he works, and when he realizes that in this great country the whole nation stands for the protection of men and women who work, and guarantees freedom and liberty and compensation; that every man and woman in all walks of life are united in one great purpose to serve this nation and to see that this great heritage is preserved, and we can only do it by combining in one great purpose.

On land and sea and in the air, and within a few months, America will be giving such protection in planes, bombers, destroyers, battleships and other sea-going warfare, and protection of tanks and other means of warfare that our nation will be equal if not in excess of any nation on earth. I want America to have enough to deter, if necessary, not one dictator, but all the dictators of the earth, if it should be necessary. You know a dictator only understands one thing, and that is 'superior power'.

I see the American flag today and think more of it than ever in the past. When unfurled there is something majestic and glorious about it. I am happy that it has never yet been lowered to any nation of the earth. With a heritage, and courage and devotion of those who have gone before with the emblazened light

of liberty in their hands, we go whole-heartedly and unreservedly to the defense of our land and liberty of the world. We have the same sort of facts and aspiration, the same sort of ideas and purposes. This is no time for riots and hatred, certainly no time for communism.

It was a Jew who wrote: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

It was a Catholic who wrote "Lead Kindly Light."

It was a Presbyterian who wrote: "Rock of ages cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee."

It was a Baptist who wrote: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound."

It was a Methodist who wrote "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

It was a Lutheran who wrote: "A Mighty Fortress."

It was a Presbyterian who wrote: "All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

God believes in justice as well as freedom.

As you depart from Asheville when the convention is over may you carry with you the inspiration of this fine convention, of this city and its people, and carry in your hearts this beautiful anthem of your country and mine —

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing..
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King."

COURTESY COMMITTEE

Sherwood Brockwell, Chairman
J. Frank Bennett
Will S. Long.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

J. A. Shuford
Clarence Rush
Archie Bryne.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

I see quite a number of past officers here, and at this time I am going to introduce a few of them and ask them to say a few words.

Dick Joyner, our first vice-president, of Farmville.

DICK JOYNER:

It is a great pleasure to be here and to see so many firemen here today. We have come for one cause and one cause alone, and that is to improve our knowledge and ability on the defense of our nation. I am delighted to be here with you and glad to see you. Thanks.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD: I next ask our Secretary, John L. Miller, to stand.

(APPLAUSE).

The next man that I am going to call on is the keeper of our purse-string, Mr. A. B. Horney, of High Point.

(APPLAUSE).

The next man is from away down east, and he keeps all the statistics and figures for this organization, Albert Brinson, of New Bern.

(APPLAUSE).

MR. BRINSON:

I am mighty glad to be here and am enjoying myself very much. I came a long way to enjoy the mountain breezes and the cool air, and you will hear from me later in the day. I thank you.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

The next two gentlemen that I will ask to say a couple of words to you are the men that are appointed as advisors to the Executive Committee, the men who tell us how to invest your money; Frank Bennett, of Durham.

FRANK BENNETT:

Fellow Firemen: You have heard enough of me already in

the convention. I am glad to be here. I heard some one call for my theme song, and if that is in line I will do that. I have a new arrangement on it, and that's the way I get my applause.

(Sings) "SHORTENIN' BREAD"

I want to say to you at this time that I'm glad to be here. It is certainly a fine privilege we have to get together, and certainly to have heard the great address by Governor Hoey. I don't think we could have had a more sincere talk, and if we don't get anything else out of the convention that was certainly worth coming two hundred and sixty miles to Asheville for, but there are many other fine things.

(Sings) "I'll Be Loving You Always."

SECRETARY JOHN L. MILLER:

It has been our privilege within the last hour to have been honored by one of North Carolina's first and foremost citizens. I want to return that honor, and I am now moving that the North Carolina State Firemen's Association honor the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey by designating him as an honorary member of the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

I make this as a motion and move its adoption.

The motion is seconded and carried by unanimous acclamation.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

We have another man sitting in the audience that we are mighty proud to have with us. He has risen to and holds the highest office in the United States, in the world, in the fire service, that of President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs—Mr. W. H. Palmer.

MR. W. H. PALMER:

Mr. President, Governor Hoey: I sat back there on purpose. I was reminded when I noticed on the program that Governor Hoey was going to make a talk that some few years ago I was invited to Shelby when I was president of the association. John Miller was there; Sherwood Brockwell couldn't be present. I had a fine subject fixed up and I was going to town with it. I said, "John, do you see anything of Governor Hoey sitting out there?" He said, "No, I don't believe he is here," and about that time I got up to make my speech and Governor Hoey stuck his head around a post. It scared me to death. I sat out there in the audience on purpose so I could hear him make his talk and wouldn't be scared. After the meeting that day I was going down the

street and was telling Judge Parker about being scared in the presence of Governor Hoey. He said, "I wouldn't be scared; he said, "He might tell you more about politics, but you can tell a whole lot more about fires than he can."

We had a wonderful meeting yesterday of the Fire Chiefs, and I would like as many chiefs and firemen as can to go to our meeting in Boston on the 19th. We are going to have a wonderful meeting and the demonstrations of defense fire fighting will be well worth your while.

I am delighted to be here—am always glad to be at the North Carolina Firemen's convention. I thank you.

(APPLAUSE).

PRESIDENT SHUFORD: I am going to ask Charlie Burkett to step up and say a few words.

CHIEF BURKETT:

Mr. Chairman, Governor Hoey, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Mr. Brockwell, will you come up here, please?

A number of you know that Sherwood Brockwell is one of the most outstanding men in the fire field in the country and he holds a number of official ranks, but there is another rank he holds—Sherwood now is a "Grandpa". The mother of this baby is an honorary member of this association. She was formerly Miss Louise Brockwell; she is now

We received notice of the baby's arrival a few weeks ago, and in turn we have here this morning to present to Mr. Brockwell, or Sherwood, a little loving cup which is inscribed:

"MARY LOUISE JOSLIN
Honorary member of the Salisbury Fire Department
Presented by Chief and Mrs. C. L. Burkett."

We would like to present this to you and ask you to present it to Mary Louise.

SHERWOOD BROCKWELL:

Charlie, Folks on the stage, and Folks out there:

You happen to have two men in this audience who are abstainers, men who have never had a drink of intoxicating liquor. Clyde Hoey is one of them. But, there are other ways to make a fellow drunk than pouring liquor down his throat.

This morning I was thrilled beyond words by what was said by Mr. Hoey. That is a thrill of patriotism and love for our native state and country, but there is another way to intoxicate a man.

This token is an inspiration brought on by appreciation and love from men that we have worked with for all these years. I don't know of anything that gives me more pride than to introduce to you Mildred (Mrs. Brockwell), the mother of two honorary members of the greatest association on God's green earth. She gets a whale of a kick out of it. When you made my two daughters honorary members of your association, the Negro association in eastern North Carolina turned around and made my two boys honorary members of the Negro association. You can't beat them black boys.

The way to make an Irishman love you is to do something nice for one of his children. I have reached the age in this service that what I do from now on is of little importance. What I can see done by men I have helped to be drawn and held together in a great organization like this will be all the reward I ever want on this earth, and to feel now that you have gone one step further and welcomed into your ranks that little eight and a half pound girl in Charlotte is something that I cannot respond to—I don't know how to do it, but if she ever gets five years old and hasn't attended one of these meetings I'm going to lay the blame on her Yankee Daddy.

I want to say that on August first I have served your state twenty-seven years. The first official act of my career with the State of North Carolina was to meet with your association in Winston Salem in 1914, the day after the first World War had been declared. I was out on a job no other man in the world ever had. I was frightened and amazed at the magnitude of what I was undertaking. I want to say upon receiving this cup for my little granddaughter, I know deep in my heart that no man ever received greater consideration, better cooperation, more sympathetic consideration than Sherwood Brockwell did at the hands of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, and as long as I live there will be a note of thanks in this old body of mine, no matter where you come from or where you are going. I hope to remain the remainder of my life a member of this association, together with my two daughters and now my little granddaughter.

When the child was born, some one said to Mildred: "How does it feel to be a grandmother?" She said, "My life has been spent with the firemen of North Carolina, young men, and I'm in a mess now, because the rest of my life I have got to go leading an old grandpa around."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 5th, 1941

The convention is called to order by the President.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

According to the program the address at the beginning of the afternoon session will be "First Aid". We are very fortunate to have with us a man who is well fitted to tell us about this subject, a man who has been field representative for the American Red Cross for the past ten years, and prior to that time he was a practicing physician in Virginia. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Dr. Ottis Marshall.

DR. OTTIS MARSHALL:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be with you this afternoon.

For several years the Fire Department of the City of Asheville has been training their group one hundred per cent in first aid procedure and technique. In addition to this work they have several very able and capable teachers of first aid who train their new recruits and give the older members a review in first aid. Also in addition you perhaps have noticed at different stations throughout the town emergency first aid stations of the American Red Cross. These men maintain these stations with two purposes. One, to take care of an individual who has an accident, and the other to remind people to be more careful so that accidents will be prevented.

This gives me an idea that the best talk I could give you would be along the line of defense; in other words one hundred per cent training in the fire departments of North Carolina for National Defense.

I will attempt to make my talk short and to the point — like the modern woman's skirt—long enough to cover the subject, and short enough to be interesting.

I have often wondered why Greece in all its glory, science and culture disappeared. The Roman Empire, with its law, order and power, fell. The Christian era was followed by darkness. I think the answer lies in that each was a part and not the whole. A perfect whole comprises physical, mental and spiritual fitness. You men minister to the distress of a family; give them material

assistance in quenching the fire, and they are grateful. Today we face a greater disaster, the destruction of our freedom. What can you add to your already full task of fire protection? The answer: Render physical assistance through first aid service to the injured.

I know of no group of men who have a better opportunity to become American Red Cross trained first aiders and render in this time of thinning ranks of civilian doctors and nurses a service to your country. By so doing you lengthen the useful span of a man's life. You firemen of North Carolina become one hundred per cent trained and set a standard for other states to follow.

The following conditions which I will outline will be demonstrated during my talk by Captain Hall and two of his associates from the Central Station:

1. You are confronted by a severe hemorrhage. The pressure point is applied, a tourniquet properly placed and the wound covered with a sterile dressing. This should be carried by all good firemen. The victim is placed prone, covered with your coat and taken to a hospital in an ambulance, or reclining on the rear seat of a car, according to your first aid judgment.

Here you have perhaps saved a man's life and we know that you have made it unnecessary for you to give a pint and a half of your blood to him, because the hemorrhage having been quickly stopped, there was no loss of time and the patient will be back to work in three days. His convalescence has been shortened by minutes, not by days.

2. This time a fireman's hand was lacerated by a broken window sash. The wound is cleaned with alcohol, an antiseptic applied, and covered by an adhesive compress. He returns to work. No loss of time, for here your danger was in its becoming infected.

3. You answer an emergency call:

You find the neighbors have forced the kitchen door, opened the windows, and a gas case lay on the floor, unconscious and not breathing—apparently dead. You quickly remove the patient to the hall or the next room, place in position and begin Schaeffer's method of artificial respiration. In the meantime the inhalator is brought and the patient inhales oxygen gas instead of the air. The patient begins to breathe for himself. The operator remains in position but ceases to operate. Should the patient cease breathing or hesitate you would resume the artificial respiration. The inhalator is then removed and the patient breathes normal air. He has been covered during this time with a blanket. The doctor arrives and takes charge, removing the patient to a bed or to the hospital. A life has been saved.

4. One becomes despondent and takes a dozen strychnine tablets. Before any spasms occur, warm salt water is swallowed by the patient and vomiting induced. The doctor is summoned and informed of the kind of poison which has been taken. He injects sodium amytol to prevent convulsions; washes out stomach again; and cares for the patient until the poison is eliminated.

Once I had a mechanic in my class. He had a fifth grade education, and also had an impediment in his speech due to a harelip. After listening to my lecture on first aid treatment of poisoning he returned to his repair shop. It wasn't very long before from across the street there came a call for help. A girl had swallowed poison. He went running across to lend his aid and he did not see any salt or soap or anything to make a solution, but his hands were nasty and greasy; so he washed his hands in some water and had her drink it, and, as he related, "It sho' did the trick."

5. A fire spreads:

The ladder slips and a fireman falls. He is unconscious, pulse slow and full. The first aider treats him for red-unconsciousness. His clothing is loosened, a pillow placed under his head and shoulders, a towel wrung from ice water placed on his forehead, and an ambulance called. By-standers are kept from trying to make the victim talk, or from moving him. He is not allowed to be taken to the hospital propped up in an automobile, but is taken to the hospital on a stretcher or in an ambulance, so as not to increase the clot and pressure on the brain.

The one way saves a life; the other way calls the undertaker.

6. A fall from a truck or building. The result is thigh-bone fracture. The half-ring iron splint is quickly applied while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. (Explains and illustrates the position the leg is placed and elevated so that it is in a perfect hammock and a perfect splint). When the man gets well he will not be going around as a cripple because that leg will be as long as the other; also he will get well in a much shorter time and be able to return to work, for first aid always shortens one's convalescence.

This is just to give you some ideas of what may be done if you have your men trained in first aid technique and procedure. I feel that with the training which you have here your touch will be firm, to the point, and effective, yet it will be as tender as a caress.

To give you a little more of an idea of first aid I wish to

say that conditions that may prove fatal, such as hemorrhages, stoppage of breathing, taking of poison, and too, you have a condition known as shock, where much blood is in the abdomen and too little elsewhere. First aid is to restore this to a normal condition. I thought once that I had killed a man because I did an amputation on him when he had low blood pressure. I gave him artificial respiration and my colleague pulled his tongue back and forth. So you see the necessity of keeping a man flat and warm, and giving him stimulant.

One of the men in our class was assigned to the subject of what to do with a man in a state of shock. He got up before the class and said: "Faith, hope and charity; the greatest of these is charity," and applying this to his subject of what to do with a man in state of shock, he said the most necessary thing was "stimulation and heat, and the greatest of these is heat."

Put your man down, wrap him up and build a fire around him.

An unconscious person we simply divide into three classes, whether he is red, white, or blue unconscious, and treat him accordingly.

7. Cuts, wounds and scratches:

Take care of these so they will not become infected, and there will be no loss of time.

8. Transportation:

You may fix a man up in good condition, yet with the wrong type of transportation, either make a cripple or sometimes kill your patient. The best transportation is a stretcher and an ambulance. The next best means of transportation is by a blanket used as a stretcher with six men using twelve hands. In this way we always prolong the span of life.

If you have been trained in first aid and the 'phone rings, your name is called, you respond. The victim's face is pale and pinched; there is an anxious expression and a look of anguish. You administer first aid. The face changes to gratitude, relief and hope. You return to the station content, for you have found your soul. You have been a partner with God.

Ottis Marshall, M.D.
American Red Cross,
Washington, D. C.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

Thank you, Doctor. I am sure that every one enjoyed that enlightening talk and will go away benefitted by it

Our next order of business is the Roll Call. I will now turn the chair over to Mr. Miller.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Roll was called and absentees noted by the Credential Committee.

CHIEF PALMER:

I move that the secretary be instructed to send a telegram to Uncle Press Harper expressing our sincere regret that he is unable to attend this convention.

Motion seconded and carried by acclamation.

There was a motion by Chief W. N. Butts that Mr. Wm. A. Cox and the Fort Bragg Fire Department be recognized. The president states this is out of order because there has to be a payment of a fee in order to become a member of the organization. So far as Mr. Cox is concerned he is a member, but Fort Bragg Fire Department is not a member. I would advise you to take this matter up with Mr. Miller, the secretary.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD: At this time I am going to call on our good friend, Dr. Long, for a few words.

DR. LONG:

Mr. President and Brother Firemen: I don't have a note prepared. I have been a member of this association for several years. We have so many things to discuss. We had a great Governor to make a speech for us. I am like the negro and the watermelon. The watermelon was so large he couldn't get through it, and somebody said the watermelon is too big, and he said, no I am too little for the watermelon. I have great pleasure coming here and meeting the boys which come to the firemen's convention. Something like thirty years I have been coming to these conventions regularly. I have been honored to the highest office in the association. I am proud to say we have practiced fire prevention all our life. We have public schools to teach the children civic matters, but I go to public schools every year and talk fire prevention to the children. That is the best thing to do to establish it firmly in their minds.

You boys come from a small town and sit back and listen. Timidity will get you nothing; you have got to have enough brass to assert yourself and put your ideas before the convention. You have got to learn something new. If you sit back and say nothing this association will never get out of you what it should. I never got anything out of the association for twenty years, and one day I got mad and disappointed at what was going on, and I got up and asserted myself on a certain point, and from that time on I received recognition because that point was worth while. I woud have been sitting back there now saying, "Howdy do, boys."

I got a notice from Charlie Miller to be sure and be here to the firemen's convention. I am always glad to be here and see you all, and hope you get a lot of knowledge from the boys.

By request, Dr. Long played "The Star Spangle Banner" on his harmonica.

MR. JOYNER:

I now present to you our President for his annual report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina
State Firemen's Association.

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank each and every one of you for the fine spirit of cooperation that you have shown me, as your President, during the past year.

During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of Fire Departments and of attending two meetings of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, the first held at Ayden, on January 14th and the other at Williamston, July 8th. I was very much impressed with the work that this association is doing in Eastern Carolina.

It is also a pleasure to report that our 1941 Fire College and Drill School was held in Durham, May 6th, 7th and 8th, and too much praise cannot be given to our director, Sherwood Brockwell, and his staff of instructors. I will not give you any figures as we will ask the director for a report later in the meeting.

I called one meeting of the Executive Committee, in Raleigh on February 11th, to make some investments of the money of the

association. I have visited the office of the secretary in Concord a number of times and have found that the affairs of the association are in fine condition. As you will see from the Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports, our association has continued to grow, and the assets will show a nice gain.

There is one matter that I think should be brought before this convention: The Executive Committee has instructed the Secretary to deny liability in the case of a former fireman who is sueing for the recovery of the sum of $499.88, on the grounds that it is not a just claim against the State Relief Fund. I will ask the Secretary to give you the facts in this case later.

In conclusion, I desire to thank your Secretary and Treasurer and the Executive Committee for their support and cooperation, and without whose loyal support the work would have been much harder, and I thank the members of this Association likewise for their unfailing support and loyalty.

Respectfully,

Donald E. Shuford, President
N. C. State Firemen's Association.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and recorded. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Joyner that the report of the credentials committee be adopted, duly seconded and carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
1940 - 1941

To the Officers and members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit to you, as Secretary, annual report for the year ending June 30, 1941. The membership of the Association is composed of the following officers and departments:

DEPARTMENT	CHIEF	SECRETARY
Aberdeen	C. F. Brasington	J. D. McLean
Ahoskie	Thos. A. Jones	James H. Mitchell

Albemarle	J. C. Haynes	C. E. Morris
Andrews	W. S. Calhoun	C. F. Woodward
Angier	D. W. Denning, Jr.	Fred M. Owen
Apex	W. T. Williamson	Guthrie T. Gordon
Asheboro	Clarence Rush	L. B. Lambert
Asheville	J. C. Fitzgerald	J. H. Bailey
Ayden	E. T. Smith	E. T. Smith
Badin	J. H. Leonard	R. E. Marbrey
Beaufort	J. F. Duncan, Jr.	E. M. Noe
Belhaven	R. D. Windley	Walter C. Harris
Belmont	W. M. Williams	W. B. Gaston
Benson	H. O. Dixon	W. R. Strickland
Bessemer City	P. R. Harmon	M. L. Rhyne
Bethel	J. W. Minton	R. S. Whitehurst
Biltmore Forest		
Black Mountain	Carl Smith	John Porter
Blowing Rock	H. P. Holshouser	Don L. Greene
Boone	Joe C. Crawford	G. H. Winkler
Brevard	J. W. Smith	Alex. R. Kizer
Bryson City	J. C. Keeter	P. R. Bennett, Jr.
Burlington	G. D. Moore	Geo. W. Bradshaw
Burnsville	Clarence M. Byrd	J. B. King
Candor		
Canton	C. L. Westmoreland	J. E. Tate
Carolina Beach	D. M. Greer	T. W. Allen
Carrboro	W. T. Thrift	W. B. Ray
Carthage	H. W. Jackson	S. H. Miller
Cary	L. E. Midgette	L. E. Midgette
Chadbourne	Wm. S. Edmunds	J. H. Ashley
Chapel Hill	P. R. Perry	C. E. Vashaw
Charlotte	W. H. Palmer	C. E. Horne
Cherryville	Giles W. Friday	Fred K. Houser
China Grove	F. S. Eddleman	G. E. Beaver
Clayton	A. F. Arthur	
Clinton	H. C. Bunch	T. A. Vernon
Columbia	J. L. Poston	W. T. Crutchfield
Concord	Jno. L. Miller	C. L. Miller
Cornelius	J. E. Donaldson	Moffett Sherrill
Davidson	J. C. Washam	F. D. Hobart
Dillsboro	F. H. Picklesimer	Wayne Terrell
Dunn	Ralph E. Hanna	J. C. Andrews
Durham	Frank W. Bennett	B. C. Cannada

DEPARTMENT	CHIEF	SECRETARY
East Spencer	J. F. Brandon	W. T. Love
Edenton	R. K. Hall	E. W. Spires
Elizabeth Cty	Jerome B. Flora	R. M. Jennings
Elizabethtown	J. W. Cross	C. R. Jordan, Jr.
Elkin	Ted Brown	W. F. Harris
Elm City		
Enfield	Harold H. Burrows	Geo. R. Ivey
Enka	J. R. Gill	E. M. Salley
Fairmont	Wright O. Jones	W. O. Jones
Faison	E. A. Taylor, Jr.	J. H. Darden
Farmville	Haywood Smith	R. A. Joyner
Fayetteville	S. W. Tillinghast	J. H. Kyle, Jr.
Forest City	John T. Poole	Thomas Petty
Franklin	Derald Ashe	R. W. Welch
Franklinton	H. F. Fuller	W. H. Cyrus
Fremont	T. D. Moseley	I. F. Yelverton
Fuquay Springs	W. L. Rowland	W. L. Rowland
Gastonia	Geo. F. McLaughen	Geo. F. McLaughen
Gibsonville	G. B. May	W. G. Boon
Goldsboro	A. W. Gurley	A. W. Gurley
Graham	Will S. Long	Austin Isley
Greensboro	Frank D. Shaw	C. O. Crumpler
Greenville	Geo. W. Gardner	Geo. W. Gardner
Halifax	W. R. Caudle	George A. Hux
Hamlet	J. C. Worley	H. F. Brown
Henderson	C. G. Ellis	Fred Kesler
Hendersonville	C. H. Edney	A. S. Truex
Hertford	Silar Whedbee	W. B. Tucker
Hickory	D. E. Shuford	Joe W. Shuford
High Point	E. K. Ingram	J. E. Horney
Hillsboro	G. W. Gillmore	R. O. Forrest
Hot Springs		
Jacksonville	C. D. Koonce	Geo. Wm. Aman
Kannapolis	J. C. Taylor	E. A. Johnson
Kernersville	Ned R. Stuart	Ned R. Stuart
Kings Mountain	Grady W. King	J. P. Tignor
Kinston	J. S. Gray	Ralph D. Dudley
La Grange	E. W. Kinsey	E. W. Kinsey
Laurinburg	W. D. Lytch	

Leaksville	G. L. Siler	H. E. Williams
Lenoir	G. C. Courtney	C. W. Hailey
Lexington	T. N. Owen	Garland Burkhart
Lillington	J. M. McLean	Grady Johnson
Lincolnton	B. J. Ramseur	J. A. Shuford
Littleton	E. L. Crawley	F. R. Moore
Louisburg	F. M. Fuller	F. M. Fuller
Lumberton	Ed. J. Glover	Ed. J. Glover
Madison	G. T. Martin	E. A. Bennett
Maiden	H. T. Campbell	P. L. Keener
Manteo	Cecil E. Mann	Ralph Davis
Marion	C. E. Bolick	G. W. Giles
Marshall		S. B. Roberts, Mayor
Maxton	E. T. Carrowon	C. H. Whitlock
Mebane	H. C. Taylor	J. W. Nichols
Mocksville	R. L. Fry	R. M. Holthouser
Monroe	Emsley Armfield	D. H. Hinson
Monroe (Benton H.)	J. Earl Williams	Austin Brooks
Mooresville	Frank B. Freeze	Sam Nesbit
Morehead City	William Lewis	Vernon C. Guthrie
Morganton	W. B. Lane	L. S. Smith
Murphy		
Mount Airy	J. S. Belton	D. G. Witt
Mount Holly	R. E. Holland	C. D. Beatty
Mount Olive	G. E. Summerlin	Walter T. Cherry
Mount Pleasant	L. H. Barringer	Hoy A. Moose
Nashville	M. Clifford Gully	W. P. Batchelor
New Bern	Morris L. Bray	E. H. Peterson
		A. A. Kafer
Newton	Perry V. Reitzel	Everette Deal
North Wilkesboro	C. G. Day	E. A. Shook
Old Fort	T. R. Kanipe	H. M. Hensley
Oriental	A. R. Connor	Carl E. Curtis
Oteen	C. W. Lindsey	C. W. Lindsey
Oxford	W. N. Thomas	H. F. Peed
Pembroke	Archie M. Byrne	Hugh Monroe
Pilot Mountain	R. C. Boaz	Lester R. Brown
Pinebluff	N. L. Van Boskerch	Levi Packard
Pinehurst	Ellis Fields	Harold Kelly
Pinetops	B. A. Steadman	W. L. Stallings
Pittsboro	Sam G. Beard	James Griffin
Plymouth	I. M. Warren	Roscoe Gaylard

DEPARTMENT	CHIEF	SECRETARY
Raeford	D. H. Hodgin	H. L. Gatlin, Jr.
Raleigh	E. D. King	W. R. Butts
Red Springs	R. T. Moore	R. W. Owen
Reidsville	H. W. White	Ralph H. Allen
Roanoke Rapids	W. C. King	Rufus Britton
Robersonville	Wm. H. Gray	Wm. H. Gray
Rockingham	J. E. Covington	J. E. Covington
Rockwell	G. H. Moose	R. L. Holshouser
Rocky Mount	J. R. Sorsby	Wm. L. Williford
Roseboro	W. L. West	R. C. Baker
Rowland	J. W. McPhail	A. M. Watson
Roxboro	H. E. O'Briant	H. E. O'Briant
Roxboro (Ca-Vel)	J. E. Spake	V. Ray Parrish
Rutherfordton	Noah Ford	C. J. Dobbins
Salisbury	Chas. L. Burkett	Roy A. Brown
Sanford	J. O. Bridges	Chas. P. Rogers, Jr.
Scotland Neck	Dilliard Bunch	Norwood Hale
Selma	J. Q. A. Jeffreys	C. W. Straughn
Shelby	Grady Mauney	Paul Hawkins
Siler City	Wm. E. Sharpe	R. S. Lane
Smithfield	E. L. Woodall	E. L. Woodall
Snow Hill		
Southern Pines	L. V. O'Callaghan	F. H. Kaylor
Southport	H. B. Aldridge	P. O. Leggett
Spencer City	T. C. Neill	J. L. Rimer
Spencer (Shop)	W. D. Morgan	W. D. Spake
Spindale	H. A. Dotson	D. M. Sinclair
Spring Hope	Ed. C. Acres	C. M. Gaskins
Spruce Pine	Sam English	E. B. Gilbert, Jr.
Statesville	L. M. Gaither	J. C. Rumple
Swannanoa	George D. Young	George D. Young
Sylva	Phil Stoval	F. H. Picklesimer
Saint Pauls	A. L. Carroll	E. M. Paul
Tabor City	Walker Spivey	J. E. Bell
Tarboro	J. S. Dancy	Jack Denson
Taylorsville	E. Ray Chapman	W. P. Ingram
Thomasville	R. J. Tomlinson	H. E. McFadden
Troutman	Marcus Williamson	R. E. Hilderbrand
Troy	W. E. Watkins	J. H. Lemens
Tryon	J. S. Arledge	Walton Glover
Valdese	Lee Ribet	Frank W. Pons

Wadesboro	F. B. Huntley	F. G. Fetzer
Wake Forest	J. L. Taylor	Geo. W. Saintsing
Wallace	J. W. Hoffler	C. W. Sykes, Jr.
Warrenton	W. H. Burroughs	J. E. Rooker, Jr.
Warsaw	J. T. Gresham, Jr.	R. C. Pridgen
Washington	W. A. Chauncey	D. T. Smith
Waynesville	L. L. Kerley	L. L. Kerley
Weaverville	J. S. Barnard	Glen West, Jr.
Weldon	D. R. Medlin	D. R. Medlin
Wendell	J. Malcom Todd	C. E. Todd
Whitakers	W. D. Weeks	Gaston W. Taylor, Jr.
Whiteville	A. A. Rushing	
Wilkesboro	Carl W. Bullis	Archie A. Yates
Williamston	G. P. Hall	J. H. Harrell
Wilmington	J. L. Croom	Fred Futchs, Jr.
Wilson	A. L. Lancaster	Ed. W. Davis
Windsor	J. B. Spivey	C. J. Rhea, Jr.
Winston Salem	M. G. Brown	Jno. H. Holmes
Wrightsville Beach	M. S. Faircloth	R. L. Benson
Yanceyville	Johnny B. Harwood	Robert L. Brooks
Zebulon	A. S. Hinton	M. J. Massey

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

The Year 1941

Chiefs	180
Assistant Chiefs	166
Superintendents of Water Works	4
Superintendents of Fire Alarm	11
Building and Electrical Inspectors	8
Fire Marshals (City)	2
Fire Marshal (State)	1
Firemen: Active and Honorary	4,161
Total	4,533
AREARS: Chiefs, 6; Asst. Chiefs, 4; Members, 105	115
Total Membership	4,648

STATE ASSOCIATION — GENERAL FUND

COLLECTIONS AND REMITTANCES

Per-Capita Tax — July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

1940			
Oct. 2	Deposit Concord National Bank	66.00	
Dec. 13	Deposit Concord National Bank	589.75	
1941			
Jan. 2	Deposit Concord National Bank	769.50	
	Remitted to A. B. Horney, Tr.		1,425.25
7	Deposit Concord National Bank	265.00	
28	Deposit Concord National Bank	312.50	
	Remitted to A. B. Horney, Tr.		577.30
	Intangible Tax (State)		.20
Feb. 24	Deposit Concord National Bank	182.50	
	Refund: Chadbourn Fire Dept.		1.50
	Refund: Beaufort Fire Dept.		12.50
Mch. 19	Deposit Concord National Bank	109.50	
Apr. 26	Deposit Concord National Bank	127.50	
July 7	Deposit Concord National Bank	120.50	
	Remitted to A. B. Horney, Tr.		526.00
	Total Collections and Remittances	$2,542.75	$2,542.75

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND:

MORTUARY AND GENERAL

COLLECTIONS: Assessments July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

1940		
July 20	Deposit Concord National Bank	679.70
Aug. 2	Deposit Concord National Bank	507.00
10	Deposit Concord National Bank	746.70
16	Deposit Concord National Bank	289.30
24	Deposit Concord National Bank	399.20
Sept. 7	Deposit Concord National Bank	804.10
21	Deposit Concord National Bank	514.80
Oct. 2	Deposit Concord National Bank	496.10
9	Deposit Concord National Bank	557.70
19	Deposit Concord National Bank	514.80
Nov. 2	Deposit Concord National Bank	453.10

	9	Deposit Concord National Bank	712.80
	15	Deposit Concord National Bank	603.90
	22	Deposit Concord National Bank	495.00
Dec.	2	Deposit Concord National Bank	564.20
	4	Deposit Concord National Bank	609.40
	7	Deposit Concord National Bank	457.10
	14	Deposit Concord National Bank	658.80
	21	Deposit Concord National Bank	570.70
	30	Deposit Concord National Bank	427.90
1941			
Jan.	7	Deposit Concord National Bank	666.60
	14	Deposit Concord National Bank	279.20
	27	Deposit Concord National Bank	828.20
Feb.	7	Deposit Concord National Bank	810.60
	10	Deposit Concord National Bank	406.90
	21	Deposit Concord National Bank	1,080.00
	24	Deposit Concord National Bank	487.30
Mch.	3	Deposit Concord National Bank	790.80
	7	Deposit Concord National Bank	874.50
	14	Deposit Concord National Bank	693.30
	19	Deposit Concord National Bank	356.30
Apr.	1	Deposit Concord National Bank	513.70
	5	Deposit Concord National Bank	655.60
	24	Deposit Concord National Bank	779.80
May	1	Deposit Concord National Bank	262.10
	23	Deposit Concord National Bank	1,129.30
	28	Deposit Concord National Bank	553.30
June	4	Deposit Concord National Bank	597.30
	10	Deposit Concord National Bank	435.60
	20	Deposit Concord National Bank	633.10
	28	Deposit Concord National Bank	578.60
July	7	Deposit Concord National Bank	1,011.90
		Total Collections	$25,486.30

REMITTANCES: A. B. Horney, Treasurer

1940				
Aug.	2	A. B. Horney, Treasurer	1,000.00	100.00
	16	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
Sept.	7	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
Oct.	2	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
	19	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
Nov.	9	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
	22	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
Dec.	4	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
	13	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00

30	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
	A. B. Horney, Treas.	662.64	66.26
1941			
Jan. 27	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
	Intangible tax 12/31		.43
Feb. 10	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
21	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
Mch. 3	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
14	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
19	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
Apr. 5	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
May 1	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
23	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
June 4	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
20	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,000.00	100.00
30	A. B. Horney, Treas.	1,506.34	150.63
	Total Remittance	$23,168.98	$2,317.32
	Mortuary fund	23,168.98	
	General fund	2,317.32	$25,486.30

STATE RELIEF FUND: WARRANTS ISSUED

July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

1940		
July 27	C. L. Smith & Co., Audit	22.68
	Wachovia B. & T. Co., Custodian	26.52
30	Piedmont Insurance & Realty Co., Premium	11.25
Aug. 3	Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan Asso., Certificate of Stock	1,500.00
Sept. 2	Ralph J. Poole, Benefits, accident bal.	2.10
26	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 9/30/40	62.50
Dec. 2	Snyder Printing Co., printing minutes	384.06
21	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 12/31/40	62.50
1941		
Feb. 26	W. L. Meacham, Benefits, Accident	120.00
Mch. 27	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 3/31/41	62.50
June 21	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 6/30/41	62.50
	Total Warrants Issued	$2,316.61

STATE GENERAL FUND — WARRANTS ISSUED

July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

1940			
July	27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., Salary for July	150.00
		C. L. Smith & Co., Audit for 1940-1941	5.07
		Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Custodian	5.89
	30	Wachovia B. & T. Co., Bond premium Treas.	6.25
		Southern Insurance Agency, Bond premium	5.00
		N. C. Colored Volunteer Fire Association 1/6 of 5% Relief Fund	283.56
Aug.	6	Postmaster, 3c envelopes 2000	66.80
	26	Chas. L. Burkett, Chief—entertaining	500.00
		R. A. Joyner, Statistician, 1 year salary	75.00
		Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for August	150.00
Sept.	7	Clyde A. Hildebrand, Pres., salary to August 28th, 1940	40.08
	18	Clyde A. Hildebrand, Expense to annual Convention, telephone calls	28.90
		A. W. Brinson, Advisory, Expense to Fire College and Drill School, Charlotte	47.50
	23	A. W. Brinson, Advisory, Expense Annual Convention, Salisbury	36.00
	26	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 9/30/41	22.42
		Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Sept.	150.00
		Jno. L. Miller, Secty., expense for quarter ending Sept., 1940	68.92
	27	A. B. Horney, Treas., expense to annual Convention and 2 trips to Concord	14.50
Oct.	7	R. A. Joyner, Vice-Pres., expense attending Ex. Com. and annual convention	52.00
	9	D. E. Shuford, Pres., expense annual Convention, Salisbury	14.00
	14	Kate Wade, reporting convention	70.00
	26	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Oct.	150.00
Nov.	22	Postmaster, Concord, Stamps	29.03
	27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Nov.	150.00
Dec.	2	Snyder Printing Co., printing 4500 Membership Cards, 3000 Receipts, etc.	33.80
	21	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 12/31/40	62.50
		Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Dec.	150.00
		Jno. L. Miller, Secty., Expense quarter	22.28
1941			
Jan.	22	D. E. Shuford, Pres., expense to Ayden, Rocky Mount	25.90

27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Jan.	150.00
Feb. 27	D. E. Shuford, Pres., expense to Concord, Raleigh meetings Ex. Com.	23.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Feb.	150.00
	A. B. Horney, Treas., expense to Ex. Com. meeting Raleigh and postage	11.85
Mch. 5	A. W. Brinson, Statistician, expense to meeting, Raleigh, Ex. Com.	11.50
27	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 3/31/41	62.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for March	150.00
Apr. 2	Wilfong Florist, design for Clyde A. Hildebrand	16.00
28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for April	150.00
May 9	J. C. Fitzgerald, Instructor F-C, D-S	61.00
	C. L. Burkett, Instructor F-C, D-S	47.50
	A. Y. Cottrell, Instructor F-C, D-S	56.00
	E. M. Salley, Instructor F-C, D-S	61.50
	J. L. Croom, Instructor F-C, D-S	55.00
	Sherwood Brockwell, printing stationery, etc., F-C, D-S	15.30
	John J. T. Waldren, Lecturer F-C, D-S	185.00
21	A. W. Brinson, Stat., expense Ex. Com. meeting, Durham, F-C, D-S	17.70
28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for May	150.00
June 21	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 6/30/41	62.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for June	150.00
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., expense for quarter ending June 30, 1941	69.12
	Total Warrants Issued	$4,071.42

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND

WARRANTS ISSUED: July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

1940		Mortuary	General
July 9	Mrs. Hessie Moody, widow	1,000.00	
18	Mrs. Thos. M. Griffith, widow	1,000.00	
19	Mrs. Annie H. Cooper, widow	1,000.00	
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, July		125.00
	C. L. Smith & Co., Audit 1940-1941	39.72	
	Wachovia B. & T. Co., Cust. Ser.	46.41	
	C. L. Smith & Co., Audit 1940-1941		2.53
	Wachovia B. & T. Co., Cust. Ser.		2.95
30	Wachovia B. & T. Co., premium Tr.		

	bond		28.13
	So. Insurance Agency, premium Secty. bond		14.06
Aug. 5	Postmaster, Concord, 2,000 Envl.		65.76
3	Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association, investment shares	1,000.00	
12	Mrs. Farabee S. Kesler, widow	1,000.00	
26	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Aug.		125.00
30	Mrs. Mary Garland, sister	1,000.00	
Sept. 26	A. B. Horney, Treas., salary, 9/30		37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Sept.		125.00
28	Thedora R. Best, Jr., son	1,000.00	
Oct. 11	Mrs. Sadie L. Middleton, widow	1,000.00	
17	Mrs. May Everest, former wife	1,000.00	
25	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Oct.		125.00
Nov. 1	Mrs. Daisy Lee Helmes, widow	1,000.00	
5	Mrs. Mallie V. Teer, widow	1,000.00	
9	Mrs. Clemmie Johnson, widow	1,000.00	
15	Mrs. K. M. Twiford, widow	1,000.00	
20	Mrs. Robert C. Lewallen, widow	1,000.00	
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Nov.		125.00
Dec. 2	Snyder Printing Co., 11,000 b		42.94
6	Mrs. Ethel M. Richardson, widow	1,000.00	
12	Mrs. Jessie V. Farish, widow	1,000.00	
14	Mrs. Millie M. Mayes, widow	1,001.10	
21	A. B. Horney, Treas, salary, 12/31		37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Dec.		125.00
1941			
Jan. 4	Mrs. Maud L. Kennedy, widow	1,000.00	
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Jan.		125.00
Feb. 1	Mrs. Bertha E. Alligood, widow	1,000.00	
13	Mrs. Minnie E. Jenkins, widow	1,000.00	
20	Gordon E. Stegall, Administrator	1,000.00	
21	Mrs. Mabel B. Defee, widow	1,000.00	
25	Dan C. Boney, Ins. Com., license		58.00
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty, salary, Feb.		125.00
Mch. 6	First Federal Savings & Loan Association, stock certificate	5,000.00	
10	Mrs. Addie V. Bain, sister	1,000.00	
17	Mrs. Alpha I. Brewer, widow	1,000.00	
21	Mrs. Clyde A. Hildebrand, widow	1,000.00	
27	A. B. Horney, Treas., salary 3/31		37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Mch.		125.00
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., expense for quarter ending 3/31/41		38.96
Apr. 2	Mrs. Clara L. Hoblitzell, widow	1,000.00	

10	Clyde A. Murdock, son	500.00	
	James E. Murdock, Jr., son	500.00	
28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, Apr.		125.00
May 1	Mrs. E. P. McClure, widow	1,000.00	
28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, May		125.00
June 21	A. B. Horney, Tr., salary to 6/30		37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, June		125.00
	Intangible tax 12/31/1940		9.42
	Total Warrants Issued	$33,087.23	$1,912.75

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. L. Miller, Secretary.

Motion that the report of the secretary be adopted, duly seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Year Ending June 30, 1941

RELIEF FUND

July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

RECEIPTS:

1940		
July 1	Balance	1,049.05
1941		
Jan. 1	Maturity, N. C. Highway bonds	2,000.00
	Semi-Annual Interest 12/31/40	797.11
Feb. 19	State Appropriation	1,312.00
June 30	Semi-Annual Interest 6/30/41	745.00
	Total	$5,903.16

DISBURSEMENTS:

1940		
July 27	C. L. Smith & Co., Audit	22.68
	Wachovia B. & T. Co., Custodian	26.52
30	Piedmont Ins. & Realty Co., bond premium	11.25
Aug. 3	Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association Certificate of Stock	1,500.00
Sept. 2	Ralph J. Poole, Benefits, Balance	2.10

26	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 9/30/40	62.50
Dec. 2	Snyder Printing Co., Printing Minutes	384.06
21	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 12/31/40	62.50
1941		
Feb. 26	W. L. Meacham, Benefits, Accident	120.00
Mch. 27	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 2/31/41	62.50
June 21	A. B. Horney, Treas., Salary to 6/30/41	62.50
	Balance June 30, 1941	3,586.55
	Total	$5,903.16

GENERAL FUND

July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

RECEIPTS:

1940		
	Balance July 1, 1940	3,567.03
Dec. 30	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	1,425.25
1941		
Jan. 1	Received—Semi-Annual Interest 12/31/40	88.75
Feb. 20	Received—Chas. C. Harris, receiver	132.53
	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	577.30
May 9	Received—Dan. C. Boney, Commissioner	1,686.63
July 7	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	526.00
	Received—Semi-Annual Interest 6/30/41	88.75
	Total	$8,092.24

DISBURSEMENTS:

1940		
July 27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., Salary, July	150.00
	C. L. Smith & Co., Audit 1940-1941	5.07
	Wachovia B. &. T. Co., Custodian Service	5.89
30	Wachovia B. & T. Co., Bond Premium, Treas.	6.25
	Southern Ins. Agency, Bond Premium, Secty.	5.00
	N. C. Colored Volunteer Fire Association, 1/6 of 5% Relief Fund	283.56
Aug. 6	Postmaster, Concord, 2000 3c envelopes	66.80
26	Chas. L. Burkett, Chief, entertaining	500.00
	R. A. Joyner, Statistician, 1 year salary	75.00
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for August	150.00
Sept. 7	Clyde A. Hildebrand, Pres., salary to August 28, 1940	40.08
18	Clyde A. Hildebrand, expense to annual	

	convention, telephone calls	28.90
	A. W. Brinson, Advisory, expense to Fire College and Drill School, Charlotte	47.50
23	A. W. Brinson, Advisory, expense annual convention, Salisbury	36.00
26	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 9/30/40	22.42
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for Sept.	150.00
	Jno. L. Miller, expenses for quarter ending September 30, 1940	68.92
27	A. B. Horney, Treas., expense to annual convention and two trips to Concord	14.50
Oct. 7	R. A. Joyner, Vice-Pres., expense attending Com. meeting, annual convention	52.00
9	D. E. Shuford, Pres., expense annual convention, Salisbury	14.00
14	Miss Kate Wade, reporting convention	70.00
26	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for October	150.00
Nov. 22	Postmaster, Concord, stamps	29.03
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for November	150.00
Dec. 2	Snyder Printing Co., printing 4500 membership cards, 3000 receipts, etc.	33.80
Dec. 21	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 12/31/40	62.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for December	150.00
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., expense for quarter	22.28
1941		
Jan. 22	D. E. Shuford, Pres., expense to Ayden, Rocky Mount	25.90
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, January	150.00
Feb. 27	D. E. Shuford, Pres., expense to Concord, Raleigh, meeting Ex. committee	23.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, February	150.00
	A. B. Horney, Treas., expense Executive Committee meeting, Raleigh, and postage	11.85
Mch. 5	A. W. Brinson, Statistician, expense to Ex. Com. meeting, Raleigh	11.55
27	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 3/31/41	62.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, March	150.00
April 2	Wilfong Florist, floral design	16.00
28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, April	150.00
May 9	J. C. Fitzgerald, Instructor, F-C & D-S	61.00
	J. L. Croom, Instructor, F-C & D-S	55.00
	C. L. Burkett, Instructor, F-C & D-S	47.50
	A. Y. Cottrell, Instructor, F-C & D-S	56.00
	E. M. Salley, Instructor, F-C & D-S	61.50
	Sherwood Brockwell, printing, stationery, etc.	15.30
	John J. T. Waldren, Lecturer	185.00

21	A. W. Brinson, Statistician, expense Executive Com. meeting, Raleigh	17.70
28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, May	150.00
June 21	D. E. Shuford, Pres., salary to 6/30/41	62.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary, June	150.00
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., expense for quarter ending June 30, 1941	69.12
	Balance June 30, 1941	4,020.82
	Total balance and disbursement	$8,092.24

FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND

July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941

RECEIPTS: MORTUARY

1940		
	Balance July 1, 1940	11,799.15
Aug. 2	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
16	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Sept. 7	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Oct. 2	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
19	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Nov. 9	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
22	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Dec. 4	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
13	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
30	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
31	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	662.64
1941		
Jan. 1	Maturity, Highway bonds due 1/1/41	2,000.00
	Interest, Semi-Annual 12/31/40	1,140.15
5	Maturity, Highway bonds due 1/1/41	5,000.00
27	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Feb. 10	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
21	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Mch. 3	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
7	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.,	1,000.00
17	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
Apr. 5	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
May 1	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
23	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
June 4	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
20	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,000.00
30	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	1,506.34

	Semi-Annual Interest 6/30/41	1,030.00
	Total	$44,138.28

DISBURSEMENTS

1940		
July 9	Hessie Moody, widow	1,000.00
18	Mrs. Thomas M. Griffith, widow	1,000.00
19	Annie M. Cooper, widow	1,000.00
27	C. L. Smith & Co., audit	39.72
	Wachovia B. & T. Co., custodian service	46.41
Aug. 3	Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association	1,000.00
12	Mrs. Farabee S. Kesler, widow	1,000.00
30	Mary Garland, sister	1,000.00
Sept. 28	Thedora R. Best, son	1,000.00
Oct. 11	Sadie L. Middleton, widow	1,000.00
17	May Everest, former wife	1,000.00
Nov. 1	Daisy Lee Helmes, widow	1,000.00
5	Mallie V. Teer, widow	1,000.00
9	Clemmie Johnson, widow	1,000.00
15	K. M. Twiford, widow	1,000.00
20	Mrs. Robert C. Lewallen, widow	1,000.00
Dec. 6	Ethel M. Richardson, widow	1,000.00
12	Jessie V. Farish, widow	1,000.00
14	Millie M. Mayes, widow	1,000.00
	(Protest fee)	1.10
1941		
Jan. 4	Maud L. Kennerly, widow	1,000.00
Feb. 1	Bertha E. Alligood, widow	1,000.00
13	Minnie E. Jenkins, widow	1,000.00
20	Gordon E. Stegall, administrator	1,000.00
21	Mabel B. Defee, widow	1,000.00
Mch. 6	First Federal Savings & Loan Association	5,000.00
10	Addie V. Bain, sister	1,000.00
17	Alpha I. Brewer, widow	1,000.00
21	Mrs. Clyde A. Hildebrand, widow	1,000.00
Apr. 2	Clara L. Hoblitzell, widow	1,000.00
10	Clyde A. Murdock, son	500.00
	James E. Murdock, Jr., son	500.00
May 1	Mrs. E. P. McClure, widow	1,000.00
	Balance June 30, 1941	11,051.05
	Total	$44,138.28

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

1940			
		Balance July 1, 1940	2,092.37
Aug.	2	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	16	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Sept.	7	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Oct.	2	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	19	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Nov.	9	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	22	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Dec.	4	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	13	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	30	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	31	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	66.26
1941			
Jan.	1	Semi-Annual Interest, 12/31/40	42.50
	27	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Feb.	10	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	21	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Mch.	3	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	7	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	19	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
Apr.	5	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
May	1	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	23	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
June	4	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	20	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	100.00
	30	Received—Jno. L. Miller, Secty.	150.63
		Semi-Annual Interest, 6/30/41	42.50
		Total	$4,494.26

DISBURSEMENTS:

1940			
July	27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary July	125.00
		C. L. Smith & Co., audit 1940-1941	2.53
		Wachovia B. & T. Co., custodian service	2.95
	30	Wachovia B. & T. Co., premium Treas. bond	28.13
		So. Insurance Agency, premium Secty. bond	14.06
Aug.	5	Postmaster, Concord, 2000 envelopes	65.76
	26	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary August	125.00
Sept.	26	A. B. Horney, Treas., salary to 9/30/40	37.50
		Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary Sept.	125.00

Oct. 25	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary Oct.	125.00
Nov. 27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary Nov.	125.00
Dec. 2	Snyder Printing Co., 11,000 blanks	42.94
21	A. B. Horney, Treas., salary to 12/31/40	37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary Dec.	125.00
1941		
Jan. 27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary January	125.00
Feb. 25	Dan C. Boney, Commissioner, license	58.00
27	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary Feb.	125.00
Mch. 27	A. B. Horney, Treas., salary to 3/31/41	37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary March	125.00
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., expenses, quarter ending 3/31/41	38.96
Apr. 28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary April	125.00
May 28	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary May	125.00
June 21	A. B. Horney, Treas., salary to 6/30/41	37.50
	Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary June	125.00
	Intangible tax, 12/31, 1940	9.42
	Balance June 30, 1941	2,581.51
	Total	$4,494.26

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Horney, Treasurer.

AUDIT REPORT

June 30, 1941

Prepared by

C. L. SMITH & COMPANY
Member National Association
Certified Public Accountants
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Concord, N. C.
July 19, 1941

To Officers and Members,
North Carolina State Firemen's Association,
Concord, N .C.

Gentlemen:

We have made an Audit of the books of Mr. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, North Carolina State Firemen's Association, Concord, N. C.; also have made an Audit of the books and records of Mr. A. B. Horney, Treasurer, High Point, N. C., for the period from July 1, 1940, to and including June 30, 1941, and present, herewith, our report of the following Exhibits:

Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Receipts and Disbursements:

Exhibit "A", State Association, General Fund.
Exhibit "B", Firemen's Fraternal Insurance, Mortuary and General Fund.

A. B. Horney, Treasurer, Receipts and Disbursements:

Exhibit "C", State Association, Relief Fund.
Exhibit "D", State Association, General Fund.
Exhibit "E", Firemen's Fraternal Insurance, Mortuary Fund.
Exhibit "F", Firemen's Fraternal Insurance, General Fund.
Exhibit "G", Summary of Bank Balances Treasurer.

Assets:

Exhibit "H", State Association, Relief Fund.
Exhibit "I", State Association, General Fund.
Exhibit "J", Firemen's Fraternal Insurance, Mortuary Fund.
Exhibit "K", Firemen's Fraternal Insurance, General Fund.
Exhibit "L", Summary of Assets.

REMARKS

Jno. L. Miller, Secretary:

We examined in detail all receipts and disbursements as shown by the books, summary of which appears in Exhibits "A" and "B", verifying the per-capita tax and assessment collections with receipt stubs, the disbursements with Treasurer's receipts, Bank Statements and other records, which disclosed to us no evidence of improper handling of funds.

A. B. Horney, Treasurer:

We examined in detail all receipts and disbursements as shown by the books, summary of which appears in Exhibits "C",

"D", "E", and "F", verifying the receipts with remittances from the Secretary and other available sources of income, the disbursements and balances with approved Vouchers, Bank Statements and other records, which disclosed to us no evidence of improper handling of funds.

The books of both Secretary and Treasurer have been well kept and balanced.

Assets:

The current Assets presented in Exhibits "H", "I", "J" and "K", were verified with Bank Statements and other avaiable sources of income.

The investments of the State Association have been deposited with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company as Custodian, and the same were verified with Statement from the Custodian.

The following donation is owned by the State Association:

One Motor Truck, American LaFrance.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Smith & Company

By: C. L. Smith.

STATE ASSOCIATION, GENERAL FUND
July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1941

	Receipts	Disbursements
Per-Capita, Receipts Nos. 2755-3018	$2,542.75	
Remittances to Treasurer		2,528.55
Refunds		14.00
Intangible Tax		.20
		$2,542.75

Exhibit "A"

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND
July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1941

	Receipts	Disbursements
Assessments Receipts Nos. 10183-11088	$25,486.30	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Mortuary Fund 23,168.98		
General Fund 2,316.89		25,485.87
Intangible Tax		.43
		$25,486.30

Exhibit "B"

STATE ASSOCIATION, RELIEF FUND
July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1941

		Receipts	Disbursements
State Appropriation		1,312.00	
Interest:			
State Highway Bonds	440.00		
Chatham Mfg. Co., Preferred	330.00		
City of Greensboro Bonds	200.00		
City of High Point Bonds	100.00		
Piedmont B & L, High Point	105.00		
Carolina B & L, Wilmington	200.00		
Piedmont Federal Savings & L	167.11	1,542.11	
State Highway Bonds, matured 1-1-41		2,000.00	
Audit Year 1940			22.68
Custodian Service			26.52
Bond Premium			11.25
Piedmont Federal Savings B & L Stock, Winston Salem, N. C.			1,500.00
Ralph J. Poole, Injury			2.10
W. L. Meacham, Injury			120.00
Snyder Printing Co., 1940 Minutes			384.06
Treasurer's Salary			250.00
		4,854.11	2,316.61
Baance, July 1, 1940		1,049.05	
Balance, June 30, 1941			3,586.55
		$5,903.16	$5,903.16

Exhibit "C"

STATE ASSOCIATION, GENERAL FUND

July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1941

		Receipts	Disbursements
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary		2,528.55	
Interest:			
State Highway Bonds	127.50		
City of High Point Bonds	50.00	177.50	
Insurance Commissioner, 5% Relief Fund		1,686.63	
Chas. C. Harris, Rocky Mount Realty & Insurance Co.		132.53	
Custodian Service			5.89
Entertainment Committee, Salisbury			500.00
Stenographer			70.00
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary:			
Salary	1,800.00		
Expenses	160.32		1,960.32
Colored Firemen's Association			283.56
Postage, Stationery and Printing			95.83
Premium on Bonds:			
Secretary	5.00		
Treasurer	6.25		11.25
Audit, Year 1940			5.07
C. A. Hildebrand, President:			
Salary	40.08		
Expenses	28.90		68.98
Fire School			481.30
Statistician:			
Salary	75.00		
Expenses	52.00		127.00
Snyder Printing Co.			33.80
D. E. Shuford, President:			
Salary	209.92		
Expenses	63.40		273.32
Florist, C. A. Hildebrand			16.00
Tresurer, Expenses			26.35
A. W. Brinson, Advisory & Statistician			112.75
		4,525.21	4,071.42
Balance, July 1, 1940		3,567.03	

Balance, June 30, 1941		4,020.82
	$8,092.24	$8,092.24

Exhibit "D"

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE MORTUARY FUND

July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1941

		Receipts	Disbursements
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary		23,168.98	
State Highway Bonds, matured 1-1-41		7,000.00	
Interest:			
State University Bonds	162.50		
Liberty Storage Co.	100.00		
Town of Lexington	200.00		
Chatham Mfg. Co.	150.00		
City of High Point Bonds	100.00		
Piedmont B & L, High Point	70.00		
State Highway Bonds	863.75		
Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association	173.90		
Brown Mfg. Co.	300.00		
First Federal Savings & L A	50.00	2,170.15	
Audit Year 1940			39.72
Custodian Service			46.41
Death Claims			27,000.00
Protest Fee			1.10
Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.			1,000.00
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.			5,000.00
		32,339.13	33,087.23
Balance, July 1, 1940		11,799.15	
Balance, June 30, 1941			11,051.05
		$44,138.28	$44,138.28

Exhibit "E"

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE
GENERAL FUND

July 1, 1940 — June 30, 1941

		Receipts	Disbursements
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary		2,316.89	
Interest, State Highway Bonds		85.00	
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary:			
Salary	1,500.00		
Expenses	38.96		1,538.96
Audit, Year 1940			2.53
Custodian Service			2.95
Stationery			108.70
Bond Premiums:			
Secretary	14.06		
Treasurer	28.13		42.19
Treasurer, Salary			150.00
State License			58.00
Intangible Tax			9.42
		2,401.89	1,912.75
Balance, July 1, 1940		2,092.37	
Balance, June 30, 1941			2,581.51
		$4,494.26	$4,494.26

Exhibit "F"

SUMMARY OF BANK BALANCES

June 30, 1941

State Association:		
Relief Fund	3,586.55	
General Fund	4,020.82	7,607.37
Firemen's Fraternal Insurance:		
Mortuary Fund	11,051.05	
General Fund	2,581.51	13,632.56
Total		$21,239.93

Exhibit "G"

STATE ASSOCIATION, RELIEF FUND

June 30, 1941

ASSETS

Current, Treasurer's Bank Balance	3,586.55
Investments:	
4 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 1-1-49, 4¼% Nos. A84873-85806-85807-85808, Serial	4,000.00
5 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 1-1-48, 4½% Nos. M62896-62897-62898-62899-62907, Serial	5,000.00
30 Shares Chatham Mfg. Co., Elkin, N. C., Preferred Stock 6%, No. 182 B	3,000.00
25 Shares Chatham Mfg. Co., Elkin, N. C. Preferred Stock 6%	2,500.00
5 Bonds, City of Greensboro, N. C., due 1-1-47 4%, Nos. 816-817-818-819-820	5,000.00
2 Bonds, City of High Point, N. C., due 12-1-42 5%, Nos. 85-86	2,000.00
30 Shares Piedmont B & L, High Point, N. C. 4% Certificate No. F P 166	3,000.00
50 Shares Carolina B & L, Wilmington, N. C. 4% Certificate No. 6618	5,000.00
35 Shares Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association, Winston Salem, N. C. 4% Certificate No. 13357	3,500.00
15 Shares Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association, Winston Salem, N. C. 4% Certificate No. 13742	1,500.00
Total	$38,086.55

Exhibit "H"

STATE ASSOCIATION, GENERAL FUND

June 30, 1941

ASSETS

Current, Treasurer's Bank Balance	4,020.82
Investments:	
3 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 1-1-49 4¼%, Nos. A84874-84875-84876, Serial	3,000.00
1 Bond, City of High Point, N. C., due 12-1-42, 5%, No. 176	1,000.00

Chas. C. Harris, Receiver, Rocky Mount Realty & Insurance Co.		398.47
Permanent:		
1 All Steel 4 Drawer Cabinet	21.00	
1 Steel Safe	141.00	
1 Office Desk & Chair	51.00	
1 Numbering Machine	6.60	
1 No. 10 Royal Typewriter	92.40	
1 Metal Cabinet	53.10	
	365.10	
Less Depreciation	228.57	136.53
Total		$8,555.82

Exhibit "I"

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE, MORTUARY FUND

June 30, 1941

ASSETS

Current, Treasurer's Bank Balance	11,051.05
Accruals:	
Assessments Nos. 280-281-282-283-284-285 to support death benefits	6,000.00
Investments:	
5 Liberty Storage Co. Bonds, due 1-1-48 4% Nos. 168-169-170-171-172	2,500.00
5 Town of Lexington, N. C., Bonds, due 1-1-42 4% Nos. 81-82-83-84-85	5,000.00
6 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 1-1-49, 4¼% Nos. A84919-84920-84921-84922-85640-85641, Ser.	6,000.00
3 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 1-1-48 4¾% Nos. M28385-28386-28387, Serial	3,000.00
7 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 7-1-46 4½% Nos. M12555-12556-12557-12558-12559-12560-12561, Serial	7,000.00
25 Shares Chatham Mfg. Co., Elkin, N. C. 6% Preferred Stock	2,500.00
2 City of High Point, N. C., Bonds, due 12-1-41 5% Nos. 77-78	2,000.00
20 Shares Piedmont B & L, High Point, N. C., prepaid, Stock 4% Certificate No. FP167	2,000.00
5 N. C. State University Dormitory Bonds,	

due 8-1-55, 3¼% Nos. 127-128-129-130-131	5,000.00
50 Shares Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association 4% Certificate No. 13207	5,000.00
50 Shares Brown Mfg. Co., Concord, N. C. 6% Certificate No. 170	5,000.00
50 Shares First Federal Savings & Loan Association 3% Certificate No. 13207-13741	5,000.00
Total	$67,051.05

Exhibit "J"

FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE, GENERAL FUND

June 30, 1941

ASSETS

Current, Treasurer's Bank Balance		2,581.51
Investments:		
2 N. C. State Highway Bonds, due 1-1-49 4¼% Nos. A84917-84918, Serial		2,000.00
Permanent:		
1 All Steel 4 Drawer Cabinet	21.50	
2 Metal Card Files	8.10	
1 Memeograph Machine	150.00	
1 Addressograph	15.00	
1 Adding Machine, Wales	33.00	
	227.60	
Less Depreciation	122.00	105.60
Total		$4,687.11

Exhibit "K"

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

June 30, 1941

State Association:		
Relief Fund	38,086.55	
General Fund	8,555.82	46,642.37
Firemen's Fraternal Insurance:		

Mortuary Fund	67,051.05	
General Fund	4,687.11	71,738.16
Total		$118,380.53

Exhibit "L"

Motion that the report of the treasurer and the audit be accepted and printed in the Minutes. Motion duly seconded and carried.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

President Shuford, Fellow Firemen, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In submitting to you my first report of statistics of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association's fifty-fourth annual convention, with the fine City of Asheville as our host, I am happy to inform you that you have made real progress in your endeavor to save lives and property in the Grand Old State. Your association has had a remarkable year and has made real progress, and every fireman of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association should feel proud of this as each one has contributed toward this success. We should not be satisfied with this progress but should be especially mindful and alert to redouble our efforts in preparing against any future possibility of what our unfortunate friends across the Atlantic are going through. With the War Clouds hovering more closely to the **Land of the Free**, we as firemen of this great state should take inventory and become better prepared to meet that destructive Demon—"FIRE", if and when it comes.

LOSS OF LIFE: In the year 1940 there were 53 lives lost by fires in burning buildings in the state. This was a decrease of 16 lives lost over 1939. In this decrease you played an important part. The lives lost other than in burning buildings were 179 from causes such as careless handling of oils and other inflammable fuels, outdoor fires, playing with matches, scalding and many others. This makes a total of 232 lives destroyed by fire. This does not give account of the lives lost from burning auto-

mobiles, trucks and tank cars on the North Carolina highways and streets. These figures are not available. However, Dr. Stimson, head of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, says that his office, with the cooperation of the U. S. Bureau of Census and the North Carolina State Traffic Authority, will be able to give your statistician next year the number of deaths caused by burning automobiles, trucks and oil tankers. This loss of these 232 lives by fire is very saddening to us all; however, this is a reduction of 8 lives lost over 1939.

NATIONAL FIRE LOSS: The fire loss in the United States in 1940, as estimated by the National Board of Fire-Underwriters, was $285,878,697, with a per capita loss of $2.17. This is $31,660,943, or approximately 10 per cent, decrease over 1939. This to me seems to be an outstanding record, especially when one considers the increase of buildings and property values, and we must also take into consideration fires that might have been caused by sabotage.

STATE FIRE LOSS: The reported fire loss in the State of North Carolina in 1940 based on actual reports furnished the Insurance Commissioner by Fire Department Officials was $3,828,685 or an increase of approximately 7 per cent over the year 1939. The formula used by your present and past statisticians to ascertain the unreported fire loss is 40 per cent of our total loss, or $2,552,456. This gives reported and estimated loss in 1940 of $6,381,141, with a per capita loss of $1.91. If the formula used by the National Board of Underwriters in computing the national fire loss of 30 per cent for unreported loss is used, the total state loss would be $5,469,550 with a per capita loss of only $1.53. When we take into consideration the national per capita loss of $2.17, the North Carolina per capita loss is very favorable.

Your statistician wishes to call your special attention to the information received from all reports available, which shows that the actual fire loss in protected cities and towns in North Carolina, this including all departments represented in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, is **less than three per cent of the actual values** involved in all the fires.

This year it is not possible to give you any figures or reports on fires causing destruction to our school buildings due to there being no special data on this specific class released by the N. C. Inspection and Rating Bureau for 1940-41. However, I am especially happy to inform you that **not one single child** in the State of North Carolina lost his or her life in the burning of a school building in 1940. Neither can I give you any comparison of the

Southeastern States loss with ours, nor compare the losses for the different cities and towns of our state, as this data is not available at present.

In checking the 1940 census of North Carolina I find that there are 26 cities and towns of more than 10,000 population, and 50 with populations ranging from 2500 to 10,000, and all of these cities and towns are members of the N. C. State Fire Association.

Of the 411 towns with a population of less than 2500 only 94 are members of the state association. There are 27 towns with a population ranging from 1000 to 2323, with a combined population of 36,851, which are not members of the association.

I would like to suggest that members of our organization who are neighbors of the following towns, as well as the officers of the association, contact these towns during the coming year and try to interest them in becoming members of this GREAT ASSOCIATION. These towns are: Archdale, Aulander, Burgaw, Conover, Catawba, Dallas, East Bend, East Flat Rock, East Lumberton, Granite Falls, Hazelwood, Jonesville, Kenly, Landis, Hemp, Lowell, Marshville, Mayodan, Murfreesboro, Norwood, Pineville, Ramseur, Randleman, Stanley, Walnut Cove, and any of the other smaller towns having fire departments.

We are indeed glad to welcome into our organization two new members, Halifax and Dillsboro, for the year 1940-41. I am sorry not to be able to report a greater number of new towns as joining our association this year.

TIME OF NATIONAL DEFENSE: In 1937 our beloved statistician, R. A. Joyner, brought to this association for the first time, I believe, a group summary of the fire equipment of the State of North Carolina. Again in his 1938 report he gave us another fine summary.

Since this information of equipment has been of so much value to the various departments, and the following inventory table of fire fighting equipment provides data which can be easily converted into National Defense information, your statistician, with the assistance of our good friend the State Fire Marshal, Sherwood Brockwell, has checked the fire fighting equipment of every city and town from the reports filed with the Insurance Commissioner by your city clerks as of October 1, 1940.

Your State Fire Marshal, in full cooperation with the Insurance Commissioner's office, the N. C. State Firemen's Association, and the State Volunteer Association, has set up for National Defense a clearing house for the benefit of every city and town in

North Carolina. Should a major emergency arise, this information would be invaluable. There is now being prepared by this office from this data a card index system showing trained men, apparatus, equipment, and water supplies available to all cities and towns within a radius of twenty-five to fifty miles. The State Volunteer Fire Department will have at its disposal when completely organized 3341 volunteer firemen and 797 paid men with a grand total of 4138 firemen protecting your and my life and property. There are 175 cities and towns represented in this report with a combined population of 1,130,915 men, women and children being protected by our wonderful organization.

This equipment consists of ten aerial trucks; twenty-nine ladder trucks; sixty-four auto hose trucks; two hundred seventy-six combination pumpers with the combined pumping capacity of 175,300 gallons of water per minute; eighty-four hand reels, 566,-150 feet of 2½-inch fire hose, with a total investment of $3,324,026 and a per capita investment of $2.94.

During the past decade from 1930 to 1940 the population of these protected cities and towns has increased 269,655 in number. In the past two years the number of volunteer firemen has increased 168 and the paid firemen 66, or a total increase of 234 men. You have increased your aerial trucks to 19 and your combination pumpers to 276, or an increase of 41, and your water pumping capacity increased 20,690 gallons per minute. Along with this progress you have increased the total value of all equipment $161,897 and lowered your per capita investment thirty-five cents.

Fire prevention through education has become almost universal in this great country of ours. Back in 1914 North Carolina being foremost in the realization of the need for EDUCATING its fire-fighters, established the first Fire College and Drill School in America. This was indorsed by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and has, as you know, cintinued uninterrupted since under the able leadership of that noble leader and Fire College educator, Sherwood Brockwell. Thirty-eight states conducted fire colleges with an attendance of over 75,000 firemen in 1941.

Your 1941 Fire College incorporated into its education programa new feature which was the Information Section. The Information Group of outstanding fire fighters consisted of Chief Hendrix Palmer, President of the International Fire Chiefs' Association; Chief Frank W. Bennett, the immediate past president of the Southeastern Fire Chiefs' Association; Chief John T. Waldron, Division Chief Fire Department Headquarters of the Greater City of New York Brooklyn Headquarters; Colonel L. L. Simpson, en-

gineer in charge of construction, of Fort Bragg, N. C.; Lieutenant Kenlon H. Brockwell, Post Fire Marshal, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Fire College Drill School committee; four uniformed firemen from the Durham Fire Department; Major R. P. Bishop, superintendent of traffic of the Durham Police Department, and our own esteemed conductor, State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell. The information given by this group of men, in the opinion of your statistician, is of inestimable value to the attendants of your Fire College and Drill School, and this training was, no doubt, taken home by the 304 firemen in attendance and put into everyday, practical use in protecting property and saving lives.

Fire Departments of North Carolina again received national recognition in awards and honorable mention from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in its Educational program. Competing in this national contest were 281 cities reporting a combined population of 31,000,000. The First Award in the final classification class six, cities under 20,000 population, went for the first time to Salisbury, North Carolina. Two years ago Salisbury stood seventh in its class, and last year it was third. It has been steadily improving its record and today it stands at the top of its class. The educational program launched by the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Fire Department has brought excellent results. Salisbury has been steadily reducing its fire losses since inauguration of the program four years ago, when its per capita fire loss was $2.87. This has been reduced to a low of twenty-nine cents during the year 1940.

Durham and Greensboro received honorable mention for cities between 50,000 and 100,000. This, in my opinion, furnishes undeniable, indisputable evidence of North Carolina's sustained leadership in fire prevention, she having led the processing in one group and placing two honorable mentioned cities in group Four, thus winning **National Recognition** in two groups out of three.

I am pleased to tell you that many cities and towns in North Carolina have built, or have under construction, for their fire departments new fire stations during the past year. These cities are: Concord, Goldsboro, Greenville, Reidsville, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, Ahoskie, Siler City, Scotland Neck, Granite Falls, Kinston, Roanoke Rapids, Windsor, and others.

Since the inventory table of fire fighting equipment was compiled, your statistician has learned in the past few days that this valuable National Defense information has been requested of all the forty-eight states. The Honorable J. M. Broughton received a short time ago an urgent request from Mayor H. F. LeGuardia, the United States Director of National Civilian Defense, for a

complete inventory of all fire fighting equipment in each city and town in North Carolina.

This was one of Mayor LeGuardia's chief requests in his program of National Defense, and as this information had previously been compiled by the statistician, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal and the Insurance Commissioner's office, it was immediately available for National Defense.

In conclusion let me say that in the days to come, whether they be days of peace, defense, or aggression, the FIRE DEPARTMENTS of NORTH CAROLINA will furnish PEACE OF MIND as well as PROTECTION to its citizens, just as they have been doing for the past one hundred years.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert W. Brinson, Statistician.

(See next page for Statistician's Table)

ABSTRACT FROM STATISTICIAN'S REPORT — AUG. 7, 1941

Summary of the Fire Fighting Equipment in Various Cities and Towns of the State of North Carolina as Reported to the Insurance Commissioner as of October 1, 1940.

Cities and Towns	Population 1940 Census	Volunteer Firemen	Paid Firemen	Aerial Trucks	Ladder Trucks	Auto Hose Trucks	Auto Hose Truck Capacity	Combination Pumpers	Pumping Capacity Gallons	Hand Reels	Hand Reel Capacity	Number Feet Fire Hose	Alarm System	Total Value All Equipment
Aberdeen	1076	18						2	800	1	500	2050	Sirene	$ 15,000
Ahoskie	2313	15	2			2	1500	2	850			3000	Telephone	13,000
Albemarle	4060	20	2					2	1150			4400	Telephone	18,000
Andrews	1520	20						1	400			1300	Sirene	4,000
Angier	1028	26				1	500					1700	Telephone	4,800
Apex	977	26						2	1000			2000	Sirene	6,000
Ashboro	6981	28	3					2	1200			3500	Sirene	20,000
Asheville	51310		66	1	1			7	5500			13550	Gamewell	83,600
Ayden	1884	25						1	500	1	300	1800	Telephone	8,000
Beaufort	3272	44	1					3	1850			3300	Gamewell	23,000
Belhaven	2360	20			1			1	300			2200	Sirene	6,000
Benson	1837	10						1	500			2050	Sirene	5,000
Belmont	4356	13	1			1	1200	1	600			2500	Sirene	8,500
Bessemer City	3567	13				1	500			1	500	1600	Sirene	7,500
Bethel	1333	22						1	500	1	500	1500	Sirene	4,000
Biltmore Forest	476	20						1	250			2250	Gamewell	4,000
Black Mountain	1042	53	1					1	750			1900	Gamewell	12,000
Blowing Rock	654	20				1	1000					1600	Sirene	8,750
Boone	1788	14	1			1	400	1	500	1	500	1600	Telephone	9,000
Brevard	3061	15	2					1	750			1500	Sirene	7,000
Bryson City	1612	18						2	700			4000	Sirene	6,000

Burlington	12198	40	4	1		1	500	2	1500			5350	Gamewell	25,000
Burnsville	997	16			1			1	500	1	400	2000	Telephone	8,000
Canton	5037	21	2					2	750	3	900	3000	Gamewell	15,000
Carolina Beach	537	35				1	500	1	600	1	500	1700	Sirene	7,000
Carboro	1455	16				1	900			1	300	1500	Sirene	1,250
Carthage	1381	19	1					2	600			3200	Sirene	5,000
Cary	1141	15				1	1500					1800	Sirene	3,500
Chadbourne	1576	25						1	500			2000	Sirene	5,750
Chapel Hill	3654	19	2					1	750			1900	Gamewell	7,000
Charlotte	100899		126	1	3			9	7250			25000	Gamewell	200,000
Cherryville	3225	16	2					1	750	2	600	2500	Sirene	15,000
China Grove	1567	12						1	500			1600	Sirene	2,200
Clayton	1711	16				1	750			2	800	1400	Sirene	5,000
Clinton	3557	23						2	1100			2800	Sirene	12,000
Columbia	1090	16						1	500	1	500	1200	Sirene	5,000
Concord	15572	26	4			1	1000	2	1600			5200	Telephone	27,500
Davidson	1550	20						1	500			1800	Telephone	5,000
Dunn	5256	21	2			1	500	2	1100			5900	Sirene	20,000
Durham	60195		65	1	1			5	4400			14000	Gamewell	144,000
East Spencer	2181	20				1	1000	1	500	1	500	2600	Whistle	5,000
Edenton	3635	17	2					2	1350			2900	Sirene	20,000
Elizabeth City	11564	32	10		1	1	1000	3	2500			8000	Gamewell	60,000
Elizabethtown	1123	15						1	250			1500	Telephone	2,700
Elkin	2734	11	1					2	750			1800	Sirene	5,000
Elm City	946	18						1	450	1	500	2050	Bell	3,000
Enfield	2208	21			1			1	500	2	600	1800	Sirene	5,000
Fairmont	1993	10						1	500			2300	Electric	6,000
Faison	751	21				1	800			1	500	1500	Sirene	3,000
Farmville	2980	35				1	800	1	750	2	1000	3400	Gamewell	22,500
Fayetteville	17428	20	8		1			2	1500			7500	Sirene	42,000
Forest City	5035	16				1	700	1	500			2500	Sirene	6,000
Franklin	1249	16				1	1500	1	500			1900	Sirene	4,000
Franklinton	1273	18				1	1200					1300	Sirene	1,500
Fremont	1264	20						1	500			1500	Sirene	3,550
Fuquay Springs	1323	11	1			1	1000			1	250	1700	Sirene	3,000
Gastonia	21313	2	20					4	2850			17500	Gamewell	50,000
Gibsonville	753	20						1	550	1	750	1250	Electric	2,500
Goldsboro	17274		16		1	1	1000	3	2750			6200	Gamewell	45,000
Graham	4339	32				1	1000	1	500			2300	Gamewell	8,000

Greensboro	59319		48	1	1			7	5250			13500	Gamewell	200,000
Greenville	12674	36	3					3	2000			4600	Gamewell	35,000
Hamlet	5111	17	1			1	1200	1	750			3200	Sirene	15,000
Henderson	7647	20	5			1	1200	3	2400			4500	Gamewell	25,000
Hendersonville	5381	18	3					2	1500			5100	Sirene	27,000
Hertford	1969	12				1	750	1	500			1500	Sirene	3,500
Hickory	13487	40	5		1			4	3250			6400	Gamewell	88,675
High Point	38495		59	1		1	800	5	3750			12350	Gamewell	110,000
Hot Springs	773	32						1	650	1	300	2000	Sirene	7,000
Hillsboro	1311	18						1	500			1900	Sirene	4,500
Jacksonville	873	22						1	500	1	500	1400	Sirene	3,000
Kannapolis	25000	23								2	1000	2500	Telephone	4,000
Kernersville	2103	12						1	350	1	500	2800	Sirene	6,000
Kings Mountain	6547	19	1					2	1100	1	250	3250	Sirene	15,000
Kinston	15388	15	11		1			3	2250			6600	Gamewell	47,500
LaGrange	1647	11						1	500			1650	Sirene	6,000
Laurinburg	5685	16	1			1	1000	2	950			3100	Gamewell	13,000
Leaksville	1886	21	1					1	750			2200	Sirene	16,000
Lenoir	7598	33	3		1	1	1000	2	1500			5300	Gamewell	70,000
Lexington	10550	18	6			1	1400	3	2000			5900	Gamewell	55,000
Lillington	914	13	2					1	500	2	400	2000	Sirene	9,776
Lincolnton	4525	17	1			1	800	2	1250			2500	Telephone	20,000
Littleton	1200	12						1	300			2500	Sirene	3,500
Louisburg	2309	28	1					1	750			2500	Sirene	10,000
Lumberton	5803	13	2					2	1250			2700	Gamewell	15,000
Madison	1688	8				1	1000					1900	Sirene	3,000
Maiden	1803	15						1	350			1650	Sirene	3,500
Manteo	571	28						1	450			1000	Sirene	3,750
Marion	2389	19	1					2	1050			2500	Sirene	14,000
Marshall	1160	23				1	1000	2	1000			2100	Sirene	2,500
Maxton	1656	15						1	500	2	800	1800	Sirene	4,000
Mebane	2060	18						2	850	2	1000	1800	Sirene	10,000
Mocksville	1607	19	1			1	300	2	600			1700	Sirene	3,000
Monroe	6475	15	3		1			2	1100			4300	Telephone	32,000
Mooresville	6682	22	2			1	750	2	1250	2	500	3800	Gamewell	14,000
Morehead City	3695	43	2		1	1	1000	2	1500			4000	Gamewell	45,000
Morganton	7670	21	2					2	1250			3250	Sirene	25,000
Murphy	1873	22			1	1	1000					1500	Sirene	7,500
Mount Airy	6286	22	3					2	1250			3250	Telephone	26,600

Mount Holly	2055	11	1					2	800			1850	Gamewell	15,000
Mount Olive	2929	30				1	800	1	750	1	500	3500	Sirene	19,488
Nashville	1171	18						1	600			3000	Sirene	4,750
New Bern	11815	87	5		1			6	4500			8000	Gamewell	53,000
Newton	5407	23	2					2	1300	1	300	2800	Sirene	25,000
North Wilkesboro	4478	23	3			1	800	1	750			2300	Sirene	14,375
Old Fort	774	25	1			1	500	1	500	1	700	2000	Sirene	6,000
Oriental	535	24						1	600			1100	Sirene	2,500
Oxford	3991	15	2			1	1200	2	1300			5600	Gamewell	15,000
Pembroke	783	21						1	500			1000	Sirene	3,900
Pine Bluff	330	18						1	400	1	500	1400	Sirene	1,500
Pinehurst	1800	22	2			1	1000	2	900	1	500	2750	Gamewell	15,150
Pinetops	713	14				1	800					1400	Sirene	4,000
Pittsboro	826	13				1	800					1000	Sirene	1,600
Plymouth	2461	24	1			1	1200	1	750			2500	Sirene	18,000
Raeford	1628	25						2	850			2300	Sirene	9,000
Raleigh	46397		51	1	1			5	4000			9500	Gamewell	95,000
Red Springs	1559	20						1	500	1	500	2100	Sirene	5,000
Reidsville	10387	20	2					2	1500			2800	Sirene	25,000
Roanoke Rapids	8545	23	2					2	1100			3850	Sirene	12,000
Rockwell	825	23				1	750					1500	Sirene	1,450
Robersonville	1407	23						1	600	3	1000	2100	Sirene	12,000
Rockingham	3657	13	2					2	1250	1		2600	Gamewell	12,500
Rocky Mount	25568	46	11	1		1	1000	4	3350			8000	Gamewell	35,000
Roseboro	939	16				1	1000					1200	Sirene	1,500
Rowland	999	12						1	200	2	500	1200	Sirene	5,000
Roxboro	4599	27	3					1	750	2	400	3000	Sirene	17,000
Rutherfordton	2326	14	2					1	750	2	500	3000	Sirene	17,500
Salisbury	19037	17	13		1			3	2500			7400	Gamewell	60,000
Sanford	4960	18	3					3	1550			3900	Gamewell	38,500
Scotland Neck	2559	16				1	1400	2	850			1600	Telephone	6,500
Selma	2007	15						2	850			1800	Sirene	7,000
Shelby	14037	30	3		1			3	1850			3400	Telephone	55,000
Siler City	2197	32						1	250	2	500	1300	Sirene	4,000
Smithfield	3678	14	1					2	1250			2300	Sirene	15,000
Snow Hill	928	13	1			1	800					1800	Sirene	2,500
Southern Pines	3226	24	1					2	1250			2300	Sirene	15,000
South Port	1760	16			1	1	750			2	1000	3000	Bell	7,000
Spencer	3072	16						2	850			3000	Whistle	10,000

Spindale	3952	19	1			1	800	1	600			1600	Sirene	8,800
Spring Hope	1222	11				1	1000					1500	Sirene	2,000
Spruce Pines	1968	16				1	1000					1050	Sirene	3,000
Statesville	11444	30	5		1			3	2250			5000	Gamewell	30,000
Sylvia	1409	18				1	750	1	350			2000	Sirene	2,800
St. Pauls	1923	16				1	1000			1	500	2000	Sirene	2,100
Tarboro	7148	31	3		1			2	2000	1	500	5200	Gamewell	45,000
Taylorsville	1122	14				1	1000	1	500	2	500	1750	Sirene	3,800
Thomasville	11041	16	3					2	1750			8700	Gamewell	40,000
Troutman	566	20								2	1000	1100	Telephone	1,800
Troy	1861	12						1	250	1	500	1200	Sirene	1,500
Tryon	2043	12	2		1	1	1000	1	500	2	1000	2500	Sirene	16,000
Valdese	2615	20						1	600			1700	Telephone	6,800
Wadesboro	3587	17	1					2	1350	1	400	2000	Sirene	12,000
Wake Forest	1562	25						1	400			1700	Gamewell	4,500
Wallace	1050	22				1	800					1700	Sirene	3,000
Warrenton *	1147	28						1	500	3	1200	1750	Sirene	5,000
Warsaw	1483	18						2	1000			2700	Sirene	4,000
Washington	8569	54	2		1			3	2150	2	800	5500	Gamewell	35,000
Waynesville	2940	15	3					2	1250			3000	Telephone	21,000
Weaverville	880	15				1	1000					1200	Sirene	3,712
Weldon	2341	16						1	350			1800	Sirene	2,250
Wendell	1132	14								3	1500	2000	Sirene	2,500
Whitakers	883	17						1	500			1500	Telephone	3,800
Whiteville	3011	18	1					2	500	2	1000	2500	Sirene	5,000
Williamston	3966	17	1					1	750			2250	Sirene	13,000
Wilmington	33407		60	1		1	1000	6	4200			11000	Gamewell	75,000
Wilson	19234	26	10		1			3	2250			4600	Gamewell	50,000
Windsor	1747	27						1	500			1500	Sirene	4,000
Winston-Salem	79815		82	1	1			7	6500			15600	Gamewell	130,000
Wrightsville Beach	252	10				1	500			3	750	1800	Sirene	1,750
Yanceyville	1000	13						1	750	1	750	1000	Sirene	2,500
Zebulon	1070	6				1	1000			1	250	1250	Sirene	3,000
Dillsboro	290													
Halifax	374													
Swannanoa														
Wilkesboro	1309													
TOTALS	1,130,915	3341	797	10	29	64	57,600	276	175,300	84	32,200	566,150		$3,324,026

Per Capita Invested — $2.94.

* Warrenton — Colored Fire Department.

Charlotte — One Lighting Truck.

Wilmington — One Fire Boat.

ALBERT W. BRINSON, Statistician.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and printed in the Minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE COLLEGE AND DRILL SCHOOL

By Sherwood Brockwell

MR. BROCKWELL:

The contents of the report read immediately ahead of mine is, I sincerely believe, something that every intelligent fireman in North Carolina should receive a big kick from, in that it shows how this great association stands out in front of the average like organization throughout the United States. It was with a great deal of pleasure when the Governor of North Carolina received the same kind of communication from other governors in the United States that all he had to do was to turn to the pages of the proceedings of the 1939 North Carolina Firemen's Association. We had beat them to the draw at least two years.

REPORT OF THE 1941 SESSION

NORTH CAROLINA FIRE COLLEGE AND DRILL SCHOOL

Conducted at Durham, N. C., May 7th, 8th and 9th.

August 5th, 1941

Fire College and Drill School Committee:

SHERWOOD BROCKWELL, Chairman,
Fire Marshal for the State of North Carolina, Raleigh,
Chief of the North Carolina Volunteer Fire Department.

J. C. FITZGERALD,
Chief of the Asheville Fire Department.

J. L. CROOM,
Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department.

C. L. BURKETTE,
Chief of the Salisbury Fire Department.

E. M. SALLEY,
Acting Chief of the Enka Fire-Department.

A. Y. COTTRELL,
Superintendent of Fire Alarms for the Lenoir Fire Department.

To the Members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association in Convention Assembled in Asheville, N. C.,

Gentlemen:-

As Chairman of the Fire College and Drill School Committee listed above, I have the honor to submit the following report:

On Wednesday morning, May 7th, the 1941 Session of the North Carolina Fire College and Drill School opened in the Armory at Durham with a total attendance of, including visitors,

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT (258) members of North Carolina Fire Departments, representing SEVENTY-FOUR (74) Municipal Fire Departments, this number including the Post Fire Marshal and three Civilian Chief Officers of the Fire Department of Fort Bragg, N. C., all formerly identified with the Fire Service of North Carolina, FOUR (4) members of South Carolina Fire Departments, representing TWO (2) South Carolina cities and SEVENTEEN (17) enlisted men of the Fort Bragg Fire Department, making a total of

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE (279) registered for the 1941 Session.

Of the 279 registered, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX (256) attended all lecture periods and participated in or observed all drill periods and were awarded

FIRE COLLEGE CERTIFICATES.

Of the 256 awarded Fire College Certificates, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO (182) participated in all of the drill evolutions and were awarded

DRILL SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

The following, having attended FOUR full Sessions of the Fire College and Drill School, were awarded

DIPLOMAS

JOHN UNDERWOOD GROSE
BERRY LANE HEDGEPETH
JAMES PHILIP STOVALL
VAN HUMPHREYS CANADY
WYATT LEONARD STALLINGS
JOSEPH KENDRICK HARPER
ROSELLE STEPHEN FARMER
CHARLIE WATSON STRAUGHN
HUBERT McGEE HARWOOD
CHARLIE THOMAS BURGESS
HENRY EDGAR O'BRIANT
GEORGE ROBERT HARRISON
GEORGE WILLARD BAILEY
JOE B. KENDRICK
ROBERT LAFAYETTE HART
GEORGE BOYD NORRIS
LAWRENCE LEE WATTERS
PAUL KIRK FALLS
JUNE EDWARD REAVIS
WILLIAM LEVERT McKINNEY
CHARLES HENRY WEST
DUFFY FRANKLIN GUTHRIE
ERNEST AMMON SAWYER
ESMOND S. HASTY
CHARLES LEONARD SMITH
EARL ALTON HARDIN
KENLON HARRISON BROCKWELL
DAVID DEXTER MATTHEWS
GEORGE BUELL RIGSBEE
WILLIE BRYANT PENDERGRAPH
JOHN FREDERICK PAGE
ROBERT EDWARD HURST

Your Fire College and Drill School Committee was fortunate in securing the services of what we believe to be an excellent faculty. The 1941 Faculty included:

Chief John J. T. Waldron, Division Chief of the Fire Department of New York and past President of the Eastern Fire Chiefs' Association.

Chief W. H. Palmer, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, President North Carolina Fire Chiefs' Association and past President of the North Carolina Firemen's Assn.

Chief Donald E. Shuford, President of the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Chief Frank W. Bennett, Past President of the Southeastern Fire Chiefs' Association and past President of the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Chief John L. Miller, Secretary of the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Asst. Chief R. A. Joyner, Vice-President North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Chief Charles L. Burkette, Winner of the 1940 National Award for Fire Prevention.

Lieut. Colonel L. L. Simpson, United States Army, former Post Fire Marshal in the First World War and Engineer in Charge of Construction of Fort Bragg, the largest Fort in the United States.

Lieut. Kenlon H. Brockwell, United States Army, Post Fire Marshal at Fort Bragg, N. C.

A feature of the Lecture Course of the 1941 session of the Fire College and Drill School was a QUESTION and ANSWER period with the members of the Faculty, listed above, the Fire College and Drill School Committee, Major C. C. Bishop, Chief Traffic Officer of the Durham Department of Safety, and four members of the uniformed force of the Fire Department of the City of Durham (one selected from each of the four stations in Durham and being Firemen Fields, Pope, Mullins and Jones) acting as "answerers", and the student body acting as "questioners".

This period brought out many practical fire department questions and answers by experienced firemen and will, your committee sincerely believes, be of lasting benefit to the first service of the State. This feature will be continued in future sessions.

The drill periods were conducted at the Fire Tower of the Fire Department of the City of Durham under the supervision of the Fire College and Drill School Committee assisted by Squad Masters so listed in the roster, these being candidates for diplomas.

Your Fire College and Drill School Committee respectfully submits the names of

Chief John J. T. Waldron, New York Fire Department,

and

Lieut. Colonel L. L. Simpson, United States Army,

for

HONORARY DIPLOMAS

The United States Soldiers from Fort Bragg added a Military effect to the general program featuring THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN NATIONAL DEFENSE.

A roster containing the names of all firemen registered and all cities and towns and forts represented is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherwood Brockwell,
Chairman.

ROSTER 1941

NORTH CAROLINA FIRE COLLEGE AND DRILL SCHOOL

Conducted in Durham, N. C., May 7th, 8th, 9th.

Symbols:

DSC	Member Fire College and Drill School Committee.
P	President, N. C. Firemen's Assn.
VP	Vice-President, N. C. Firemen's Assn.
S	Secretary, N. C. Firemen's Assn.
T	Treasurer, N. C. Firemen's Assn.
St.	Statistician, N. C. Firemen's Assn.
PC	President, N. C. Fire Chiefs' Assn.
cc	Fire College Certificate Awarded
ds	Drill School Certificate Awarded
D	Diploma Awarded
F	Appeared as Faculty Member (Lecture Course)
ads	Advanced Drill School Certificate Awarded
v	Visitor (Attended less than one full day)

AHOSKIE
Earl Mitchell—cc, ads
Deans Brett—cc, ads

ALBEMARLE
C. E. Morris—cc
H. M. Harwood—cc, D
Murphy Ragsdale—cc, ds

APEX
W. T. Williamson, Chief, 1 2 3
C. S. Schaub, Capt., 1 2 3
V. W. Tunstall—1 2 3

ASHEBORO
C. Rush, Chief—cc
T. E. Sink—cc

ASHEVILLE
J. C. Fitzgerald, Chief—DSC

AYDEN
E. T. Smith, Chief—cc, ds

BADIN
J. F. Hill, Chief—cc, ds
W. W. Cauthen—cc, ds
W. B. Hooks—cc, ds
J. H. Leonard—cc

BESSEMER CITY
L. A. Sarvis—4 5 6 7 8 9, ds
James Shuford—4 5 6 7 8 9, ds
L. A. Poteet, Chief—4 5 6 7 8 9

BREVARD
C. F. Misenheimer—cc

CARY
L. E. Midgette, Chief—cc
Frank Williams—cc, ds
Bruce Harris—cc, ds
William Harris—1 2 3 4 5

CHAPEL HILL
P. R. Perry, Chief—v

CHARLOTTE
W. H. Palmer, Chief—xP, PC, F; President International Association of Fire Chiefs.

CLINTON
B. H. Matthews—cc

CONCORD
John L. Miller, Chief—S, cc
Sam Foil, Asst. Chief—cc, ds
J. P. Misenheimer—cc, ds

DAVIDSON
Homer Bumgarner—cc, ds
LeRoy Kennerly—cc, ds

DUNN
Henry West—D, cc, SM.
Emmet C. Alridge—cc, ads
G. C. Mitchell, Jr.,—cc, ds
L. L. Coats—cc, ds

DURHAM
Hon. W. F. Carr, Mayor—v Opening Ceremonies
Mr. H. A. Yancey, City Mgr. v, Opening Ceremonies
Mr. Frank Pierson, Sec'y, C.C. v, Opening Ceremonies
Maj. C. C. Bishop, Traffic Supt.—F
Frank W. Bennett, Chief F, xP
B. C. Canada, Asst. Chief—cc
C. A. Woods—cc
C. L. Morgan—cc
M. H. Pope—cc
L. M. Harton—cc
J. L. Pickett—cc
L. H. O'Briant—cc
C. A. Pope—cc
J. O. Veasey—cc
L. E. Fields—cc
T. T. Jones—cc
G. B. Riggsbee—cc, D Drill Squad
R. E. Hurst—cc, D Drill Squad
W. B. Pendergraph—cc, D Drill Squad
D. D. Matthews—cc, D Drill Squad
J. F. Page—cc, D Drill Squad
G. C. Evans—cc, Drill Squad
D. H. Jacobs—cc, Drill Squad
G. B. Bailey—cc, Drill Squad
G. W. Mitchell—cc, Drill Squad
E. L. Parrish—cc, Drill Squad

J. M. Durham, Jr.,—cc
Drill Squad
L. E. Foster—cc, Drill Squad
B. A. Lowry—cc, Drill Squad
A. L. Andrews—cc
Drill Squad
P. L. Franklin—cc
Drill Squad
T. C. Rogers—cc, Drill Squad
J. A. Miller—cc, Drill Squad
D. W. Freeman—cc
Drill Squad
C. H. Walton—cc, Drill Squad

ELKIN
(includes Chatham Mfg. Co.)
Ted Brown, Chief—cc, ads
Jake Brown—cc, ds
Heber Mounce—cc, ds
E. E. Shore, Jr.,—cc, ds
J. L. Cothren—cc, ds
Tom Phillips—cc, ds
Gilbert Meed—cc, ds

ELIZABETH CITY
J. B. Flora, Chief—xP, v, F
President North Carolina
League of Municipalities
G. W. Bailey—cc, D
E. A. Sawyer—cc, D

ELIZABETHTOWN
J. W. Cross—cc, ds

ENKA
E. M. Salley, Asst. Chief
Dsc, cc
John Dillingham—cc, ads
C. P. Brooks—cc

FARMVILLE
H. Smith, Chief—cc
R. A. Joyner, Asst. Chief
cc, VP, F

FAYETTEVILLE
S. W. Tillinghast, Chief—cc
June Reavis—cc, D
Harold Reavis—cc, ds
James Kyle, Jr.,—cc, ds
Robert Bruton—cc, ds
Nathan Bell—cc

FORT BRAGG
L. L. Simpson, Lieut. Colonel,
QMC, in charge construction
F, observer Drill School
Kenlon H. Brockwell, 1st Lieut.
QMC, Post Fire Marshal
F, D, cc
Robert V. Heller, cpl.—cc, ads
Calvin O. Haney, cpl.—cc, ads
busted 7-21-41
Joseph Slivo, pfc.—cc, ads
died 7-15-41
Stanley Mariesky, pfc.—cc, ads
Alton Moore, pfc.—cc, ads
Granville Hall, pfc.—cc, ads
Woodrow Hasty, pvt.—cc, ads
Walter K. Sowers, pvt.
cc, ads
James D. Wellons, pvt.
cc, ads
William R. Babb, pvt.—cc, ads
Wallace Hyden, pvt.—cc, ads
Howard J. Puckett, pvt.
cc, ads
John A. Padgett, pvt.—cc, ads
Homer F. Duncan, pvt.
cc, ads
John T. Murdock, Jr., pvt.
cc, ads
Howard T. Braddy, pvt.
cc, ads
B. H. Hawkins, pvt.—cc, ads

A. E. Farlow, Civ. Asst. Chief
v (formerly Greensboro
FD.) D
C. L. Cox, Civ. Asst. Chief
cc SM (formerly Durham
FD.) D
Parker Vickery, Hd. Fire-
Fighter—v (formerly Fay-
etteville FD.)
1929

GAFFNEY, S. C.
Joe Kendrick—cc, SM, D

GASTONIA

George F. McLaughen, Chief
cc
Frank Boyd—cc, ads
x—see Conductor's private file
Caldwell Baker—cc, ads
x—see Conductor's private file

GOLDSBORO
T. E. Davis—cc, ads
A. J. Edens—cc, ads

GRAHAM
Dr. W. S. Long, Chief—cc, xP

GREENSBORO
Frank D. Shaw, Chief—v, xP
Paul B. Shaw, Asst. C.—cc
F. G. Garrard—cc, SM
L. L. Welker—cc
K. C. Pugh—cc

GREENVILLE
George W. Gardner, Chief—cc

HENDERSON
C. G. Ellis, Chief
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
W. W. Langston—cc, ads
K. W. King—cc ads

HENDERSONVILLE
Edward Edney—cc, ds
Chester Vaughn—cc, ds
Clyde Staton—cc, ds

HERTFORD
F. T. Britt—cc
W. F. Ainsley—cc ds

HICKORY
D. E. Shuford, Chief
P, 1 2 3 4 5 6
R. L. Hart—cc, SM, D
W. D. Wilfong—cc, ads
H. L. Yoder—cc

HIGH POINT
C. S. Canady, Asst. Chief—cc
V. H. Canady—cc, SM, D
G. W. McGhee—cc, ads
J. A. Monroe, Jr.,—cc, ads
E .E. Pegram—cc, ads
C. E. Bodenheimer—cc ds
H. T. Riggins—cc, ds

KANNAPOLIS
J. C. Taylor, Chief—cc
Edward A. Johnson
Asst. Chief—cc
Sank S. McCoy, Asst. Chief
cc
Charles L. McCarn—cc, ds
James M. Wiley—cc, ds

KINGS MOUNTAIN
P. K. Falls—cc, D
Floyd Thornburg—cc, ds
L. M. Logan—cc, ds

KINSTON
R. D. Noble, Asst. Chief—cc
R. S. Farmer—cc D
Clyde Dunham—cc, ads
Ralph Howard—cc ds

LAURINBURG
W. D. Lytch, Chief—cc, ads
Hewett Beacham—cc, ads
Jack Ford—cc, ds
W. J. Brogden—cc, ds

LENOIR
A. Y. Cottrell—DSC
George Norris—cc, D
L. L. Watters—cc, D
Gene Estes—cc, ads
Stewart Shuford—cc, ads
Jack Robbins—cc, ds
Raymond Warlick—cc, ds

LEXINGTON
D. T. Tysinger—cc
Bradley Leonard—cc, ds

MEBANE
H. C. Taylor, Chief—1 2 3
Jack Horton—cc, ds

MONROE
J. A. Helms—cc
H. J. Jones—cc, ds
Sam Goodman—cc

MOREHEAD CITY
Duffy F. Guthrie—cc, SM, D
E. Stamey Davis, xC—cc
E. M. Arendell—cc

MORGANTON

W. B. Lane, Chief—cc
C. L. Williams—cc, ds
Seth Mull—cc, ds

MOUNT AIRY
Earl Ramey—cc, ads
Earl Watson—cc, ads
E. L. Hull—cc, ds
James Hull—cc ds

MOUNT HOLLY
W. L. McKinney—cc, D

NEW BERN
A. W. Brinson—St., cc
Sam T. Cook, xC—v
Ronald Smith—cc, ds
Z. J. Davis—cc, ds

NORTH WILKESBORO
H. C. Hutchison—cc, ads
W. H. Cooper—cc, ads
Conrad Kilby—cc, ads
Clay Pardue—cc, ads

OXFORD
G. R. Harrison—cc, D
Allen F. Cozart—cc, ds
H. F. Reed—cc

PINEHURST
George Veno—cc
Cary McDonald—cc, ads
H. F. Frye—cc, ads

PINETOPS
J. K. Harper—cc, D
W. L. Stallings—cc, D

PISGAH FOREST
(includes Ecusta Paper Co. and Champagne)
Herbert Finck—cc, ds
Luke Harrison—cc, ds
Marion Elliott—cc, ds
Tom Hargis—cc, ds

RALEIGH
Sherwood Brockwell, xC cDSC, Conductor NCFCDS
A. B. Lloyd, Asst. C—cc
J. R. Marshall—cc. See Conductor's Private File
W. J. Lindsay—cc. See Conductor's Private File
J. W. Godwin, Jr.,—cc, ds
R. C. Powell, Commr. P. S., v

ROANOKE RAPIDS
W. C. King, Chief—cc, ads
E. S. Hasty—cc, SM, D
Godwin Lane—cc, ads
H. B. Duke—cc, ds
Joseph Justice—cc, ds

ROCK HILL. S. C.
W. H. Hope, Chief—cc
E. W. Cole—cc, ads
Calvin Williams—cc, ads

ROCKY MOUNT
W. B. Parrish, Asst. Chief cc, ads
V. N. Neal—cc, ads
D. M. Anderson—cc, ads
George Leloudis—cc, ads
J. R. Thomas, Asst. C., xDSC, Chief of Police, v, Fr.
J. W. Thurman, Member Fire Committee, v, Fr.
"Mike" Williford—v, Fr.

ROSEBORO
Sidney Herring—cc, ads
C. A. Herring—cc, ads
Cecil Hobbs—cc, ads
R. C. Baker—cc, ds
Edgar Herring—cc, ds

ROXBORO
(includes CaVel Mills)
H. E. O'Briant, Chief—cc, D
Clyde Atwater—cc, ds
Sam Foushee—1 2 3
Edward Foushee—1 2 3
C. C. Garrett, Jr.,—1 2 3

SALISBURY
Charles L. Burkett, Chief DSC
R. J. Harwood—cc, ads
Charles Summers—cc, ads
Burton Peeler—cc, ads (See Conductor's private file)

SANFORD
M. C. Vestal—cc, ads
T. B. Melvin—cc, ds

G. L. O'Briant—cc, ds
SCOTLAND NECK
Joseph House—cc, ads
Howard Braxton—cc, ads
SELMA
C. W. Straughan—cc, SM, D
R. D. Wilkins—cc, ds
SHELBY
James Reid—cc, ads
Bennett Bost—cc, ads
SPENCER
W. P. Dorsett—cc, ads
R. L. Harrison—cc, ads
SPENCER SHOP
E. L. Heilig—cc, ds
R. J. Pool—cc, ds
SPINDALE
J. U. Grose—cc, SM, D
Earl Hardin—cc, SM, D
STATESVILLE
C. W. McNeely—cc, ads
C. R. Sharpe—cc, ads
SYLVA
Phil Stovall—cc, D
Felix Picklesimer—cc, SM
W. B. Cope—cc, ds
THOMASVILLE
Howard Sullivan—cc, ads
Arthur Gooch—cc, ds
TRYON
Jack Ford—cc, SM
Walton K. Glover—cc
VALDESE
Charles Smith—cc, D
WADESBORO
J. A. Maner—1 2 3
W. H. Odum—1 2 3
J. B. Liles—1 2 3
J. E. Watson—1 2 3
WASHINGTON
Dan T. Smith, xC.—v
C. T. Burgess—cc, D
A. T. Stewart—cc, ads
Derwood Godley—cc, ds
Gordon Langley—cc, ds
Jim Phillips—cc, ds
George Davis—cc, ds
Leon Sheppard—cc, ds
WHITAKERS
E. F. Smith, Chief—cc, ds
WILMINGTON
J. L. Croom—DSC (see Conductor's private file)
WILSON
B. L. Hedgepeth—cc, D, ads
T. R. Bissett—cc, ds
J. S. Woodard, Asst. Chief cc, ds

CHIEF BENNETT:

I move that the report be accepted and printed in the Minutes of the meeting so that each fireman may have it as a permanent record.

Motion duly seconded, and carried.

* MOTION that the members mentioned in Mr. Brockwell's report be given honorary diplomas in the Drill School and Fire College. Motion duly seconded and carried.

MOTION that the Credentials Committee be authorized to take any credentials up until tomorrow morning as official. Motion duly seconded and carried.

The session is now adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, August 6, 1941 — 10:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude

Song—"Crossing the Bar" ..... First Baptist Quartet

Invocation — Seth Perkinson, Chaplain of the Fire Department:

Our kind and gracious Heavenly Father, we reverently bow our heads in thy presence, realizing we are in thy presence but mindful of the fact that some of our beloved comrades have answered the call. We are mindful of the Master when He said to the men gathered about Him: "Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again to receive you unto myself." We remember our friends whose seats have been emptied, but they have been filled by their comrades. We have been mindful of men like Lon Duckett, Chief James J. Wood, Clyde Hildebrand, men who have gone on to be with them. We are rejoicing that they have gone to be with the Father.

Sometime or other we are going to have to pay that price ourself. Are we ready to answer the call when it comes to us? Lord, that we may be ready to answer that call, saying willingly, "Heavenly Father, here am I. I am ready to go."

All these things we ask in Jesus Name and for His sake. Amen.

ROLL CALL

Impressive memorial services for the twenty-six members who had "answered the last alarm" were held following two selections, "Crossing the Bar" by the First Baptist Church Quartet and "Above the Bright Blue Sky", done as a solo by Mr. Emmett Davis, which followed the invocation.

While the pianist played sofetly, the Secretary called the names of the twenty-six deceased members.

The stage was artistic in its setting with blue skies overhead and the lone ladder, upon which a fireman climbed as the name of a deceased fireman was called, led through these man-made clouds. As each fireman disappeared at the top a star flicked on until the dome of the stage flickered in memory of those

who would answer no more.

The exercises were brought to a close as taps sounded and the quartet sang "Some Bright Morning". The curtain was lowered.

This was the tribute paid to those who had passed on by those who in turn will follow up the ladder and inflame the skies in days to come. For no matter how dark the night, those stars will shine over their respective communities where they were known and loved for the part they played in protecting their fellowman.

In Memoriam

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J. H. KESLER	EAST SPENCER
J. G. GEORGE	WINSTON SALEM
R. J. EVEREST	SALISBURY
THEDORA E. BEST	CHAPEL HILL
FRED HELMS	ALBEMARLE
GEORGE T. MIDDLETON	KANNAPOLIS
WILLIAM H. TEER	DURHAM
J. R. JOHNSON	WINSTON SALEM
WM. T. TWIFORD	FARMVILLE
R. C. LEWALLEN	ASHEBORO
W. F. RICHARDSON	NEW BERN
STEPHEN T. PARRISH	AYDEN
SANFORD J. MAYES	MOUNT AIRY
ERNEST B. BAIN	RALEIGH
LEVI W. KENNERLY	HIGH POINT
S. F. ALLIGOOD	WASHINGTON
G. A. JENKINS	WINSTON SALEM
M. C. DEFEE	SANFORD
C. N. BREWER	WILMINGTON
CLYDE A. HILDEBRAND	CANTON
G. B. HOBLITZELL	ANDREWS
J. E. MURDOCK	WEAVERVILLE
E. P. McCLURE	GRAHAM
E. PAUL STEGALL	MONROE
C. R. JORDAN	ELIZABETHTOWN
R. A. FOSTER	PORTSMOUTH, VA.
A. A. GARY	HICKORY
OTIS V. POWERS	HENDERSONVILLE
ROBERT C. KORNEGAY	MOUNT OLIVE
J. C. KENNEDY	KINSTON
CLAY ANDREWS	KINSTON
RICHARD W. GLOVER	TRYON
WILLIAM M. JONES	GREENVILLE
RUDOLPH HYMANS	GREENVILLE
WILLIS DALLARD	SYLVA
A. K. UMSTEAD	DURHAM
FRED D. KEETER	CHARLOTTE
THOS. T. LASSITER	NEW BERN
WALTER D. BARRINGTON	NEW BERN

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MEMORIAL ADDRESS

By Rev. J. B. Grice, Calvary Baptist Church

Some one has said, "We cannot think or act, but the soul of some one who has passed before points the way. The dead never die." In the book of Isaiah, chapter 44, sixth verse, we read these words: "We all do fade as a leaf." This text declares two things. First, that death is certain and that death is universal. It is said that the death rate of the twentieth century is about 40 million from natural causes. There are skilled physicians, but sometime or other they must be but spectators of the ills they cannot remedy. It is not how long we have lived but how well we have lived; not how long we have served but how well we have served.

Holy writ says there is a time to die, which statement declares that in the program of our lives, death is a definite part of it. Death comes when our work is done, not before.

Since death is a part of your life and mine, a part of the program of life which ends our activities so far as the present is concerned, I do not believe that the influence of our life ever dies as long as time goes on. I also believe that in life's duty death cannot overtake us until our work is finished.

The work of a fireman is a definite work of mercy to save life and property. The sound of the siren declares to all ears that life and property is in danger and that we must go to the rescue. I know of no class of people in the world to whom we are any more indebted for our safety than we are the faithful firemen. The work of a fireman is indiscriminate. The speed of the truck is not lessened because he knows the fire is located in the poorer section of the city.

The leaf not only declares the certainty and the universality of death but by implications teaches us that the leaf has a function or purpose in life by its very existance. There is no thing or person in this world without a purpose.

If you will examine the body of the giant oak or any other tree you will find that it is made of millions of tiny fibers and each leaf each year puts a fiber into the body of the tree. And so, today, we honor the memory of those who have put fiber into the society in which we now live. When our bodies are crushed and we return to mother earth who gave us, the influence of our life lives on. Therefore being dead, we still live. The Son of God said, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone."

We have learned from this statement that until we are willing

to give our lives for the generations which live as well as future generations, we are hardly worthy of our daily wage. I take it that the men who have departed have left behind that legacy which they lived, lived their lives unselfishly.

I am thinking of Lord Lytton's poem, declaring:

There Is No Death

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine for evermore.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead".

He leaves our hearts all desolate;
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

—Lord Lytton.

I believe that poem expresses anything we may do or think of, just what takes place when these bodies are laid away.

I am thinking of the poem by Tennyson which was never read until his funeral.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning at the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar.

—Tennyson.

Song—"Sunset Hour" ..... First Baptist Quartet

BENEDICTION:

Our Heavenly Father as we come to the close of this meeting, as we have heard the roll call of men who have answered the call we have heard from thy servant who has brought to us a wonderful message, make our lives useful wherever we may go. As we go from this meeting may we go praying back to the places where we find our duty, that we find our place of duty in service for thee, for each and every one of us will answer that roll call someday. May we hear the Great Chief of Fire Departments say to the men who answer that call: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you the ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Amen.

BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, August 6, 1941 — 2:00 P. M.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

I think it is very fitting that at our last scheduled meeting we open it by a song, which we will ask Chief Frank Bennett to lead us in singing —

"GOD BLESS AMERICA."

I am now going to ask Chief Bennett, of Durham, to introduce our speaker for the afternoon session.

CHIEF BENNETT:

Gentlemen: It is a unique pleasure and privilege that I have at this time. I am going to present a very busy man, but we in the Durham Fire Department consider him one of our very best friends. There are a number of things that he has done for us, and it would take too much time to go into detail, but I am sure after you have heard him you will feel like he is one of us.

I want to say that he has come up the hard way. He followed the plow until he was ten years old. He is one of us.

He has the honor of being Commander of the American Legion for seven years. He has served as Congressman from the Sixth District three terms, and is an outstanding churchman and

civic leader.

We call on him in many ways and always get a helping hand from the gentleman that I am going to present. I feel that if I go too far you will think he is my brother. He is next to my brother.

I wish to present to you Honorable William B. Umstead, of Durham.

MR. UMSTEAD:

Mr. President, Chief Bennett, and Members of the State Firemen's Association:

I came more than half way across the state of North Carolina to be with you all on this occasion for a number of reasons. First, I was extended the invitation by Frank Bennett, my good friend for many years and for whom I have the highest regards. He is far more than a singer. It is a fine thing that he can sing. He has dispersed with a lot of blues, cheered the boys of our fire department and has done much in Durham to lessen the number of fires. I am glad to come to this convention to be with you who have honored Frank in the past and the affectionate regard you have for him which sends him to the convention each year. I thought before I came I would have the pleasure of renewing a few of my friendships, and I am glad to see my old friend, not in years, but from the point of service, Dr. Will Long, of Graham. Then, I was glad to come to Asheville; have enjoyed it immensely so far, and appreciate the courtesy extended me by the good people of this city. Then, I was glad to come because of my regard for the work which you do, the life which you commit yourselves to. I know of no group in North Carolina engaged in public services now or any time, in my estimation, who have the support and high regard of the citizens everywhere as the various fire departments throughout the state. I have held public offices, and do not now, but for sixteen years I undertook to perform the duties of the different positions I held. I know, and you know, the public is all right but sometimes very impatient. It takes a great deal of patience, courage, stability, and character to be a public servant. You who are here today represent a large number of communities all over North Carolina. I think you have a right to feel justly proud of your profession and your work. I think you have the right to look upon what you are doing not just as a means of earning a living but as a contribution to the life of North Carolina. The protection which you have given in your communities makes you, in my opinion, one of the best contributions to the commonwealth of North Carolina.

I came from the country and the first fire that I saw happened while I was in Durham while I was in school, and I wanted to see a real fire and started out running and I ran all the way through the business section of Durham to East Durham, and I thought I was getting nearer to the fire about every minute. It has been a long time since then, and there has been a lot of improvement in things, and the improvement in the fire apparatus and in the scientific handling of fire has kept pace with all other developments in the country. When I would hear over the radio of terrific reports of destruction of property and human lives of London and would hear of the heroic efforts of firemen to save the property and lives it leads me to know that every man in peace-time should make ready for safety, the protection of our communities in times of stress and strain. I come to you as one who highly regards with esteem every man of character in your profession in North Carolina. I think I will tell you of a story I told a few years ago. I was invited by Frank Bennett to some fireman meeting in Durham. My good friend who was there, that master of story tellers from Wilmington, Mr. Taylor, the then and ever present Sherwood Brockwell was there. They called on me to say something, and I told this story:

That a lady went to a circus and saw a hippopotamus and began asking the keeper questions about the hippopotamus, and she was rather persistant on that occasion, and after asking everything else she could think of, of the keeper of the animals, she asked if it were a male or female hippopotamus; whereupon the keeper said, "I don't know." She said to him, "Do you mean to tell me you have charge of this animal and do not know if it is a male or female?" And he said, "It never occurred to me that anybody would be interested in that except another hippopotamus."

I commend you in what you are doing and bid you God's speed in every effort to make great improvement in efficiency, character of personnel, and the contributions you make to North Carolina. You do a great work for a little pay. I hope to see the time come in North Carolina when it must be a necessary policy of our state, that they can understand that more should be paid for the services rendered by the fire department than they have ever yet been able to do.

I feel that I would be remiss in my opportunity, and would miss an opportunity that is golden, if I did not speak to you in a serious vain. This is a serious hour in our great land. It becomes more so to me each day. We are a nation of about 130 million people. We are rich, powerful, and great. We have developed under our constitutional system of government a life which offers the average citizen great advantages, more opportunities, a fairer

livelihood than any other nation in the world. We have a nation torn asunder by war and more war. Our press is free; we have enjoyed freedom of speech, security of our property and human life; we have developed a system of government which has been unsurpassed. It was the outgrowth of the past and present when our forefathers were doing it with the desire in the human breast for individual liberty. There is a struggle in the world for domination. There is a fight on, which isn't just an effort to conquer territories, it is more than that; it is a contest for control of individual liberties of mankind. It is a contest for the domination of the world, and more than that, it is a contest to determine whether or not when it is over men will be permitted to own their own souls. And so in this hour I come to you and say that the United States faces perhaps its most crucial contest. Democracy, freedom and liberty are hanging in the balance of time. For the past eighteen months or more this beloved nation has been drawn nearer and nearer to that which it had no control or power to prevent. It has been drawn to actual participation in the struggle that is now going on. There are those in our nation who believe that somehow the United States, by holding aloof from all that is going on in the world, may be able to escape. The answer seems to be, everything the nation stands for, everything we believe, the very tenets of our government and nation are at issue and we cannot stop so long as those seeking to dominate must do so only when all nations have been humiliated or drifted from power. Those who seek domination can never hope to do so, in my opinion, so long as the United States loves liberty, retains its freedom, and remains a powerful republic.

A few weeks ago the Chief Executive of the United States declared a national emergency. Prior to that time there had been a discussion as to what the foreign policy of this nation should be. The foreign policy of this republic has been set in motion by those charged with the duty of our international relations, those who have information that we do not have, who look at the whole world picture receiving hourly and daily information from the wires of the globe. They have promulgated with the people of America and with the Congress of the United States the present terms of our foreign policy. I submit it is now for every patriotic American to accept that policy as fixed by the United States and support it with a national unity that is unsurpassed in the world. Some months ago we declared this nation should become the arsenal of democracy, that it should become the arsenal of more than that, that it should become the arsenal of democracy of all the world and all people seeking to break the power of this tyrannical German leader.

We made commitment to Great Britain and slowly as months passed, from September, 1939, to this last spring, gradually and slowly it became necessary that the United States must aid England; first, because of the principles involved, and, second, for the best national defense that we could follow. When we made that commitment we understood then all the hazards that it carried with it. When we made that commitment those who led this country to that position knew then as we know today the hazards it involved. Now the question is not whether we should have made it, not whether we should assist those that are trying to stop the enemy; it is how we can best support the policy of this country and save the freedom and power for the children who come after. The Chief Executive of this Republic and the Commander-in-Chief of the naval, air and military forces has called upon every citizen for support. That means that those engaged in agriculture, in commerce, and every other vocation have been called to witness the supreme effort in producing the tools and instruments of warfare necessary for the whole world to support the onslaught of the German army. Today we must answer that clarion call; it is for us to say all over the United States what the answer shall be. Billions of dollars have been appropriated and tremendous efforts have been made by industries and labor. Have we done enough? Have these things which I have mentioned been sufficient? I think not. I think there is something greater than that this nation should do, and I think we are part of that which we must do. I think the public servant as groups and every individual citizen everywhere has a vital part to play in the furtherance of the thing which we must see done. What is it? It is faith. We must feel absent of fear; we must restore our faith; we must have what was called by our fathers in my day a spiritual revival in America. Before our fathers came to this country they fought for the Magna Charta. They came here for a place of free worship and a place to live, and worked out a great country by brawn and sweat. In 1776 they declared themselves free, having won that freedom from the danger of the jungles, from the savage, and then from the mother country. They then met and worked out a great document, the Constitution, and under the Constitution set up a government which has functioned for 150 years. From that little beginning they built schools, railroads, industries, esetablished commerce, built churches. Each stepping stone was built upon faith; each milestone they passed was in faith; each dream was in faith, looking forward to the great hour when America should be what it is today.

The enemies which have crushed recklessly the little nations of the world, have destroyed their foundations and wiped them off the geographical map of the world. They have done more

than that, they have destroyed the individuality of every nation which they have conquered and the most glorious thing on this earth is that thing we call the spirit of human beings, and the individuality of the individual, the possessor of a free soul. In every nation which has been taken that has been destroyed.

We have said in this country that we love our government; we have said we will fight to defend it; we have said the haunts of enemies will not be permitted to reach the shores of our liberty. We have said we regard the right of free worship as being dearer than life and will fight to defend it. We have said we will open our arms, our stores, and our help to every nation now seeking to destroy the aggressor, and today our country calls us to be united, to permit no differences, to march solidly behind our leader regardless of policy, regardless of religion, except one motive, the omnipotence of Almighty God and the individual rights of mankind. As you go from this hall at the end of this convention to your respective positions in North Carolina you can wield tremendous influences to bring about that unity. In North Carolina where our blood is pure, where our people are of one race, we have no division. Let us make it felt far and wide beyond the boundries of our commonwealth and let it be known that the North Carolina people everywhere in the United States can form an example of unity. I urge you to go back among your friends and neighbors and extend that spirit, that influence which your character and work justly entitles you to have. That you spread the spirit of unity and support to the government, and more than that, that you undertake to arouse in the minds of our your, in the minds of adults, and in the dreams of old people to return to the faith of our fathers, to revive the spirit of free soul and to make it the everlasting way of all mankind.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

Thank you, Mr. Umstead, in behalf of the Association, for this wonderful speech.

We come next into the order of business, which is the approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting. You all have a copy. If it meets with your approval I will entertain a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Jones, of Fayetteville, moves that the Minutes stand approved as printed. Motion duly seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CHIEF OWENS, of Lexington:

I would like to have the privilege of presenting to this association a matter which I think concerns every fireman in North Carolina, and that is some form of retirement for the firemen. We all know that in the Federal laws that the municipal, state and county employees are exempted. Some larger towns have retirement funds, but in the smaller towns unless there is some state-wide organization they can not hope to ever have any retirement fund. Our police officers association, which has only been organized for twelve or fifteen years, already have their retirement fund in working order, and I think if the North Carolina State Firemen's Association would sponsor such a movement, I mean by that a plan worked something on an actuary basis, made up so it would be lasting and stand up all over the whole state. I think it should include all firemen in North Carolina, paid and volunteer firemen, in that they should all participate in it according to the wages or fees that they draw. My idea is to have a pension plan or a retirement fund which would work in conjunction with the Firemen's Relief Fund. That fund is not called on a great deal for any amount of funds to be paid out. We realize it is quite a large fund. I think to combine the two and let the Firemen's Relief Fund carry on its present work and use it as a working capital. I think the majority of the firemen in the state would be in favor of paying a certain per cent of their salary, and the other could be worked out by a committee appointed by the Chair of men who are capable and who have resources at hand to work out this plan for presentation at the next meeting of the association. We realize it takes a long time to get that through, and I think this would be more for the firemen of North Carolina to strengthen the fire department, to allow old men to retire who now have to go out and have no way of maintaining themselves after they have finished their active service as a fireman. Another thing, it would increase the efficiency of the fire department in that younger men could be gotten in and the older men retired.

I would like to have the privilege of making a motion that the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, after deliberation, that the Chair appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of this retirement plan and draw up a proposed plan for the next annual meeting of the State Firemen's Association.

CHIEF BENNETT:

I think this gentleman has a fine idea, and I would like to see something done along that line.

The Legislature doesn't meet until after our next meeting,

and I am seconding that motion that the Chair appoint some one who has influence and intelligence enough to bring that up and get something started. I second that motion.

MR. CREESMAN, of Tryon:

I am heartily in favor of this and I hope you will take into consideration we men who do not get any remuneration at all for our services; we serve gladly and you ought to remember that it is our money as well as the others. We are heartily in favor of it—I am speaking for the volunteer firemen, and believe that in the appointment of this committee the volunteer firemen who do not get any pay for their services should be considered and some plan worked out in that it is our right to share as much as the others.

CHIEF BENNETT:

I believe the motion was to include every fireman in North Carolina.

MR. OWENS: That is right.

CHIEF BENNETT:

That's the way I understood it and that is the only way that I'm interested in it, is to include every fireman. There is no difference in a fireman, paid or volunteer.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

All in favor of the motion let it be known by saying "aye". Motion carried by acclamation.

MR. JOWDY, of New Bern:

Mr. President, and Gentlemen: I have a resolution which not only affects the volunteer, which I am proud to say that I am one, but affects all of them. This is drawn up after due consideration of the volunteer firemen, and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present this resolution at this time in behalf of the North Carolina Association.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, in duly called and assembled Convention, in the City of Asheville, August 6, 1941, that Section 5, Article 3, of the Constitution of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that in lieu thereof, the following be, and the same is hereby adopted as an amendment to the aforesaid Constitution, to be known and designated as Section 5, of Article 3, of the aforesaid Constitution, to-wit:

"Every fire department in the state, which is a member of the Association, shall on or before the first day of August in each year, elect two delegates, and also two alternates, to serve for the ensuing year, with the Chief and Assistant Chief of the various fire departments at large, who shall be entitled to one vote each in addition to the two votes herein provided for each fire department. In the absence of a delegate so elected, his alternate shall be entitled to vote in his stead, or if his alternate be absent, the next alternate shall be entitled to vote; in any event, the two full votes of each department may be cast by either a delegate or alternate, if only one, whether delegate or alternate, be in attendance. They shall be beneficiary members of the Association, and their names must appear on the beneficiary roll."

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY:

A. W. JOWDY, New Bern, N. C.
L. M. GAITHER, Statesville
G. D. MOORE, Burlington
J. S. GRAY, Kinston
J. C. TAYLOR, Kannapolis, N. C.
GEO. W. GARDNER, Greenville

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

You have heard the reading of the resolution which has been presented to the Executive Committee as required by the by-laws and referred to the Association. Do I hear a second to the resolution? Is there any discussion?

MEMBER: I would like to ask that the original section be read and his resolution re-read. I don't quite understand it.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

It is rather long. If you will look in the back of the Minutes you will find it on page 106.

MEMBER: Haven't we got some official in the house that could explain the difference between the two?

PRESIDENT SHUFORD: Chief Jowdy, would you mind explaining the resolution?

To this request, Chief Jowdy explains the meaning of the resolution.

CHIEF PALMER:

I want to say this. I have been a member of this association a long time. I don't intend to compete with my good friend, Jowdy.

In our department we do not know the difference between paid firemen and volunteer firemen. We all have one duty to perform, and that is the protection of life and property. There is nothing about this for anybody to get excited. It means that heretofore every company was divided and each company had two votes; and instead of that it means the department has two votes and the chief has a vote and the assistant chief has a vote. It is just putting all fire departments on an equal footing. There is no need of Charlotte having more votes than Kannapolis. If I were running for office I would want every volunteer to vote. I don't see anything wrong with it. As far as making a difference between volunteer firemen and paid firemen, that is absurd.

SHERWOOD BROCKWELL:

I had made an honest vow to myself to keep out of this thing this evening, but damn a man that don't practice what he preaches and by the same token, damn a man who doesn't "preach what he practices". That is what I am going to do now, I am going to ask you to listen to me for a few minutes, if for no other reason than listening to a man who has been a member of your Association since 1902, and who knew personally every man who helped organize this association, and who has shaken hands with every man that ever held an office in this association.

This Association means more to North Carolina than the hopes of any one man or any group of men in it, and whenever you get to where this association doesn't mean more to you than the political aspirations of any man or any group in it, then hear me when I tell you that your Association has gone to Hell.

I have never, since I have been a member of this Association, allowed any slur to a paid fire department go unchallenged—for a very obvious reason, which is—because when I first officially came on the scene, after serving with the largest fire department on earth, there were only three paid fire departments in the State. I organized the fourth. I refused the job as chief and organizer of the fifth after the mayor, three other members of the governing body and five members of the local Underwriters Board had, after my writing them I could not accept, come to Raleigh and insisted on my taking the job.

It was my privilege to assist in the organization of the sixth, seventh and eighth, and I have trained the officers and many of the men in every paid fire department in North Carolina—and I do not want to meet any set of men more loyal and more interested in improvement of the fire service than those PAID FIREMEN I have met and known and admired in this capacity; but

this Association was founded by and for the Volunteer Firemen of this State and will last only so long as it represents the 171 or more volunteer fire departments in North Carolina. Whenever the time comes that representatives of five or six paid fire departments can come into this convention and by any sort of combination—political or otherwise—tell the representatives of the other 175 or 180 departments—paid or volunteer—who their officers shall be and what their policy shall be, at that moment the fire service of the state for the five or six and for the one hundred and seventy-five or the one hundred and eighty will have sunk to an irreparable level.

Getting back to "preaching what I have practiced", I have a proposition to make to you as a man who has been a paid fireman longer than any man in this house, but I was a volunteer fireman and had, as such, assisted in establishing a world record as a jumper on a hose wagon team, a long time before I ever received one dollar's pay as a paid fireman. As all of you have heard me say on many occasions before, I would not give a dime a dozen for paid firemen who do not possess that fine spirit of unselfish service that is so absolutely necessary to a volunteer fireman in North Carolina.

Gentlemen—especially you delegates from the paid fire departments of the State—for years I have had and have expressed my opinion of the responsibility we men who are paid for our services as firemen—and I too would love to be the President or some other officer of this Association—and, as most of you know, have been mentioned as a candidate—but being a paid fireman this responsibility has caused me to—however, well I would have loved to have this honor—refrain from allowing my name to be presented—because I know that our responsibility is that of ADVISING—and I am not alone in this opinion of this responsibility.

About a year and a half ago—in May, 1940—the largest gathering of firemen, other than in this convention, met in Charlotte, N. C., for the dedication of the largest training ground for firemen ever built on the face of God's green earth. About two weeks before this meeting, the Chief of the largest paid fire department in the two Carolinas said to me, "Can you get George Richardson to come down to Charlotte to participate in this dedication ceremony?" I did get him, he did come, and he did participate in the dedication ceremony, and on the following day I did introduce him to the North Carolina Fire College and Drill School, and he did say words to this effect: "Our organization, we hate to say, has nothing for the volunteer fire departments save an opportunity through our personnel in these larger paid fire departments in North Carolina to show that by proper organization in these larger

fire departments that we improve ourselves and become a guiding body, and a body to render advice to our brethren, the volunteer firemen of North Carolina." And when he said that, or words to that effect, I thought in the bottom of my heart—"Glory to God, another man, in a position to know, has the same conception of the opportunity afforded the paid firemen of this state that I have —and if there has ever been a more timely opportunity than now for the promulgation of better firemanship in the ranks of the paid fire departments of North Carolina through affiliation with organized Labor, I have failed to see it, and George Richardson has certainly spoken the gospel to you."

I am begging you men of this great Association, who, like I, happen to get pay for your services, to do what I have done for the past twenty-seven years—what George Richardson, your secretary, out of Headquarters office in Washington, said by word of mouth that you should do—and if you do this, you will not only have a greater Firemen's Association, but good and better pay, shorter hours and a full pension for the paid firemen in North Carolina.

In the years I have been associated with the fire service of North Carolina, and they are many, there have been many improvements along many lines and I have gained by all, but, after all these years of service, I hope to see that come to pass before I die.

I want to see every man in North Carolina who is working as a paid fireman and who is qualified to fill that wonderful position and eligible to become a member of the American Federation of Labor, receive the same benefits that great organization has been working years to bring about as a minimum for other lines of endeavor and which is—an eight-hour day, a minimum pay of one dollar an hour, and a full pension at the end of twenty-five years' service—but please hear me when I tell you that you will never get this by antagonizing the volunteer firemen of North Carolina. You will get this only by and with an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Therefore, I suggest that you do what I do: that you go to these conventions with your superior knowledge, if you have it—and hoping to get it, if you don't have it—and let this Convention remain what it always has been and will keep on being—something that belongs to the volunteer firemen of North Carolina, and that we render our services to them so that when we—the men who receive pay for our services—go before the General Assembly of North Carolina that we go there with that which we should have—the good will and support of every intelligent volunteer fireman in North Carolina.

Today is the time to show your hand. Shall we old men and young men who make a profession of fighting and preventing fire, who make our living at it, come here as advisors, as big brothers and friends to these volunteers who fight the same kind of fires without any hope of monetary reward, not thinking about themselves, their pay or their working hours, but in there fighting for the love of it and for the safety of mankind? Shall we come in a sympathetic, advisory and helpful manner or shall we commit suicide by coming in and trying to dictate who shall be the officers of the North Carolina Firemen's Association?

Gentlemen, I urge you to support this amendment because I sincerely believe it to be to the best interest of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, the members in it who happen to get pay for their services, the volunteers and the people of our great State as a whole—but even further than that, because, by co-operating with the volunteer firemen, instead of antagonizing them, and thereby gaining their full and complete support of measures to benefit the paid fireman in things vital to him, will hasten the day when properly qualified members of the fine paid fire departments in our great State will walk abreast with any other like group in this country. You are entitled to such support as this amendment will eventually afford.

CHIEF BENNETT:

I would like to apologize for being up here so much. I am still a member of the North Carolina Association. I am still satisfied with the way it is being run. I am from the paid fire department, and any fireman in North Carolina has every privilege we can offer in Durham; that goes for paid firemen and volunteers.

I was the first fully paid chief that ever held the chair, and the volunteer firemen gave it to me. I thank you very much. So far as I am concerned I am going to stick in the association as long as I can. I think we have an association second to none in the country. I didn't hear the resolution fully read, but so far as I am concerned, and the Durham Fire Department, we do not want any more advantage in this association than any other fire department. I do not see any booga-bear in this resolution. You still have a democratic organization. I think when we come to these meetings we should come open minded about the things we want to do. You have an opportunity to get up in the meetings and be heard—that's what we have them for. Why not close this particular incident? If you want the resolution it suits me all right. We got the law through so that every department would be represented, and as I see it there is nothing wrong with the resolution; I do not see anything that does but equalize the voting.

I haven't advised our two delegates who to vote for—they come without their hands tied and can vote as they please.

CHIEF FRANK SHAW:

I have been in this organization thirty-six years, and if anybody says I think more of the paid man than the volunteer he is lying. If you volunteer firemen feel that this association belongs to us all, I am still with you, and we will all continue to work together.

CHIEF JEROME FLORA:

As I look on this matter it is not a question of paid or volunteer firemen. This association is of the firemen, for the firemen and by the firemen; it is our association. We are all brothers under the skin.

The great peers of this country in 1776 drew a document that was second only to that Holy Book, the Bible. In that article they said: "We hold these truths to be self evident . . . all people created equal." That is the basis of this country's democracy—we all are equal.

As I see the meaning of this resolution is to put all departments and towns on an equal basis. The little town of Halifax and the big City of Durham are equal in the number of votes; Manteo and Asheville are equal in the number of votes. The life of the boy in Manteo is just as sweet to him as the life of the boy in Asheville. I ask all who believe in fair play to support this amendment.

I move that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was duly seconded, and the resolution declared adopted by a unanimous vote.

CHIEF PALMER:

I have one more thing I want to say. There is something I would like to bring before this convention and it is this: When this association was organized in 1887 they prepared a constitution and by-laws of the association. I think the constitution and by-laws have been amended twice in the history of this association in fifty-four years. As you know, this organization has grown into one of the most outstanding organizations in this State. It seems that we have progressed so far that we have left the constitution practically the same that it was years before. The constitution of any organization is the Bible of that organization; it is a guide for the association. It is a good long time until the

Legislature meets, and since this organization was born one or two things have entered into it, to-wit, "Local Firemen's Relief Fund, and the Widow's Fund." All have a bearing upon the association.

I would like to make a motion that the incoming president appoint two members from the paid fire departments and two from the volunteer fire departments to make a study as to a revision of the by-laws and the constitution of this association, present it to the executive committee who in turn will present it to the next annual meeting for a vote to be taken, and if adopted we can have all these things passed into law.

Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan, of Spencer, and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report of Credentials Committee

MR. MILLER: The report of the Credentials Committee was completed yesterday and no changes have been made.

Report of Courtesy Committee

Be it resolved, that we, the members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, in convention assembled in Asheville, N. C., do:

1. Extend our thanks to the good people of Asheville for the typical and splendid hospitality shown our membership;
2. Thank Chief J. C. Fitzgerald and the other good members of the Asheville Fire Department for their untiring individual and collective work and activities in affording the facilities for our outstanding convention;

3. Thank Hon. Clyde R. Hoey and Hon. W. B. Umstead for their contribution to our program, bringing to us inspirational addresses, strengthening our undying faith in North Carolina and the United States;

4. Thank each and every one participating in the beautiful and impressive Memorial Service;

5. Be it further resolved, that the members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, the vast majority of whom have spent the greater portion of their adult life in protecting life and property in the many communities of this State, tender their services to the Governor of the State of North Carolina and the President

of the United States and their duly organized agencies in the program of National Civilian Defense;

That whereas, the members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association believe that the safety of the United States of America is contingent upon a National Defense program, we tender to the President of the United States our services in the National Defense program, and be it further resolved that we denounce and condemn any and all individuals, groups, societies, organizations and/or associations who, or which, in any manner whatsoever do, or attempt to, slow any part of the program of National Defense;

6. Thank the Press of the City of Asheville and elsewhere in the State for the fine service given the 1941 Convention of our Association;

7. That copies be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of North Carolina, and to Messrs. Hoey and Umstead.

CHIEF FRANK W. BENNETT, Durham
CHIEF W. S. LONG, Graham
SHERWOOD BROCKWELL, Chairman

Motion that the report of the Courtesy Committee be adopted was duly seconded and carried.

Chief Palmer extends an invitation to the firemen to attend a meeting in Charlotte, N. C., on Friday at ten o'clock.

Motion by C. L. Jones, of Fayetteville that the Firemen's Association have a fire and drill school next year under the same terms as the previous one. Motion seconded and carried.

DR. LONG:

I believe it is a proper time to pass some resolution to the memory of Clyde Hildebrand who passed away soon after he served as president of the association.

The motion is seconded and carried, and the Secretary is requested to prepare the resolution.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHIEF PALMER:

I wish to nominate for president a man who has served our association with great honor. There is no need for me to go into

detail to tell you of his work, but he is our good friend, Dick Joyner, and I nominate him as president of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Motion that the nominations be closed.

Motion seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

Dick, I take great pleasure in presenting you, as my successor, this gavel, which is the badge of office of this association, and I hope you will preside with the honor that I know you will; and I take great pleasure in turning this office over to you.

PRESIDENT R. A. JOYNER:

Donald, I want to congratulate you upon your year's service and only hope that I can do half for our State Association that you have done for the past year.

PRESIDENT SHUFORD:

Just before I sit down I want to turn over to our new president the President's trophy, this beautiful cup which was presented to the Association by George McNeill in memory of his father, James D. McNeill, our president from 1894 to 1920. This cup is to be held by the president during his term of office, his name and the year he held office engraved upon it, and presented to the next president. Dick, I take great pleasure in turning this cup over to you.

PRESIDENT JOYNER:

I personally know of no greater honor that could be given any fireman than that designated as your president, and to be presented with this loving cup which was presented to this association in honor of the greatest fireman North Carolina has ever known is indeed a very great honor, and I am deeply grateful.

In accepting the office as your president I am indeed mindful of the obligations that go with that responsiblity. I assure you that it shall be my pleasure and my privilege to give you the best that I have during this coming year. I am mindful of the trying times that are before us at this time. You have heard much said of our National Defense Program, of our Local Defense Program, of our Firemen's Defense Program. We are living in days of unrest; we are living in these times of distress. It is today a reality and the firemen of North Carolina are now facing one of the greatest, one of the most important periods in the history of our State. It behooves us to renew our efforts, to enrich our activity that

we may give just a little more and do the job just a little better. We can't sit still and wait to see what may happen—it is time to act now. There is one thought that I want to leave with you, a thought that is very important in my mind today, and that is the thought of service. I call your attention to the parable handed down by the Great Master; that is, the parable of the talent. You remember one man was given one talent, another was given two talents, and another was given five, and when the day of reckoning came the man with one talent came forward with a drooped head and said, "Master, I was afraid and buried mine; here is that which you gave me." The man with two talents came forward and said, "I have done the best I could, I have doubled that which you gave me"; and so on with the man with the five talents, who had doubled his investment.

It is not my thought to attempt to preach a sermon—that I couldn't do—but my thought is this: God in His infinite wisdom has invested you and me with some kind of talent—it matters not whether it is the one, or the two, or the five, or more, but what does matter is "What shall we do with that which has been entrusted to our care?" If we use one to the best advantage that is possible, we have served our country well. So, my idea in bringing to you that thought is that we may use our talent, no matter how small or how large they may be, to better serve the people that we have chosen to serve in rendering to them protection of property and protection of lives, and of loved ones.

Just a few words as to our home defense. We refer so much to the billions spent on National Defense; we have heard in detail what should be done as a state and nation, but we haven't analyzed what we should and can do at home. It matters not whether you live in a little village buried in the woods or the biggest city of our state, there is something each and every one of you can, should and, may I say, must do, if we have the proper home defense in our community. It is up to us as we go back home to inventory our possibilities, inventory our resources, and start and take such actions and steps as are necessary to put our house in order for that emergency, regardless of what it may be.

You may sometimes say you cannot get cooperation. You cannot tell them they must do, but seek their cooperation, ask them to be your partners in protecting your city, town or village, for the future, and I believe you will get one hundred per cent cooperation. If then you fail, the burden is not on your shoulders.

I have already said more, possibly, than I intended, but in view of somethings that have been said and happened this afternoon which I did not take a stand on, and in which I was not an

active partner, yet one hundred per cent in sympathy with, I want to say one thing concerning that proposition, and that is this: If there were a possibility of removing from the English language two words, two words that have been used so often, and two words that I hate to hear, and two words that I hope it will not be necessary to discuss during my office, and they are the difference between "paid" and "volunteer" firemen. As Frank Bennett said to you, if there is a paid fireman in any department in the State that is fighting fire solely for the salary he is drawing, and he is entitled to that and more too, but if that is his only thought, no thought of humanity, and no thought of saving life and property, he is not worth a thing to that town—they should get him out. Whether we work for a living and fight fire on the side lines, like I do, let us work as firemen in this state, united in all our efforts for the protection of lives and property, and the welfare of those that we love and the community in which we live, for united we stand, divided we fall; and, if these words separate or mar the efforts of this association we should forever bury them where they would never be heard of or seen again.

In conclusion, I wish to say that while I am away down in the eastern borders of this great state of ours, there is no fire department, there is no fireman that is too far from my doors, if I can render my services, I shall come to you if you call me. Let me know your problems, and if I can't handle them I will refer them to some one who can.

Let us work this year so that the North Carolina Firemen's Association when called upon in an emergency may not come up lacking. It never has and it never shall if we all do our part. If there is ever anything that the secretary, the executive committee or the president can do for you, do not hesitate at any time to bring these matters to our attention. We are working for you and we want to work with you.

I want to thank you and assure you that it is a great pleasure for me to accept the responsibility as your president, and I pledge you again one hundred per cent service and cooperation.

DR. LONG:

I want to have the honor of making the first motion. No man ever loved the association better or longer than Uncle Press Harper, who was a great admirer of this boy, Dick Joyner. I want to make a motion that the secretary be instructed to wire Uncle Press Harper at this time and tell him that Dick Joyner is president of the association.

The motion was seconded and carried.

CHIEF MORGAN, of Spencer:

I wish to place in nomination as our first vice-president a man who attends the conventions and does a lot of good work. He needs no introduction, all of you know him, Charles L. Burkett.

MR. JOWDY:

Coming from a volunteer fireman, I wish to second that motion.

MR. O'BRIANT, of Roxboro:

I want to break a precedent. I have known Charlie Burkett a long time. I had the honor and the privilege to graduate from the North Carolina Fire and Drill School of which he was a member. I want to break a precedent and have two seconds on the motion nominating Charlie Burkett for first vice-president.

Motion to close nominations.

Charlie Burkett is unanimously elected first vice-president.

CHARLIE BURKETT:

Mr. Chairman, Brother Firemen: I first want to thank you for this great honor that you have bestowed upon me. This honor that I have received this afternoon has not come to me from any organization other than the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. This honor which I will always cherish is beyond words to me today. I want to assure each and every member here, regardless of his capacity, that I will do my best to serve the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and it will be my happy privilege to cooperate with every officer of this organization for the upbuilding of every fireman, regardless of his rank, whether a paid department or a volunteer department. This honor has not been given me because I have asked for it, because I have never asked for this office. It has been given to me by my friends, you firemen.

I was asked back at the Fire College at Durham to run for this office and I did not accept, but went back home and took the matter up with our mayor, city council, city manager, and told them the duties of this office. I told them that I would not run without I could receive the cooperation of my city officials. I was instructed to run and render every service available to the North Carolina firemen. I then presented the matter to the firemen of my city and told them the conditions under which I would run, and the firemen voted unanimously, and I announced that I would run for vice-president. Letters that have been sent out to each department, cards distributed this week, and these banners were given to me by my friends. Not one cent have I spent, not

one thing have I put on the program, but it is through the efforts of the firemen, my friends, that I am here today.

I want to accept this nomination and pledge each of you my support for the upbuilding of the traditional work in this association by our firemen and forefathers.

If you remember, I presented a loving cup to Grandpa Brockwell yesterday morning to be delivered to his grandchild. He in turn wired his daughter, Louise, and we have a telegram which Mr. Brockwell asks me to read:

"Mary Louise proud and grateful for the honor bestowed upon her by the Salisbury Fire Department. Express mine and gratitude, and thank Mr. Burkett."

MR. DAVIS, of Morehead:

I would like to have the pleasure of nominating my friend, John L. Miller, as secretary; and further, if it is in order, I would like to move that the nominations be closed.

CHIEF SHAW:

I would like also to nominate Mr. Miller as secretary, A. B. Horney as treasurer, and Albert Brinson as statistician.

Motion seconded as to each of the above nominations, and unanimously carried.

MR. JOHN L. MLLER:

Mr. Chairman, and Fellow Comrades: We have worked together long and hard for many years. We have always acceded to the wishes of this convention when it assembles and acts upon a matter as final. There has been an action today placed upon the statute books of our organization which may mean many things for us. I hope that it will mean one thing, and that will be "unity". We must not have any disruption from outside or inside influences in our organization. We are now some fifty-four years old, and to my knowledge, since 1900, since I became an active member of this organization, I never have known outside influences to creep into our organization, or try to influence us in any particular. Let's forget what happened today, and let's strive to have a better North Carolina State Firemen's Association. Let us strive to go forward.

In 1891 the North Carolina General Assembly gave us twenty-five hundred dollars to take care of men who went out to serve their community and were hurt. We paid $2.00 a day. That continued until 1906 when that fund was exhausted. We began to

grow, and then this association, in convention assembled, authorized the appointment of a Legislative committee whose power and duty it was to go to the 1907 session of the Legislature and ask that the insurance companies be taxed to pay these men who are rendering invaluable services to the insurance companies throughout the State. There was a fight, but the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, through the Legislative Committee, headed by McNeill, Baldy Boyden, Bain, and your humble servant, fought it out, and today we have placed within the hands of the firemen of North Carolina and their friends more than half a million dollars. That was one act.

Fourteen or fifteen years ago we were growing and decided that the firemen should be educated. Some were taught how to handle certain conditions that might exist when putting out fires. We did that at an expense of five hundred dollars a year, and we are now ready, in my candid opinion, to proceed further.

What we should do to better help you, whether other instructions should be had—give us your views about these matters. There may be something laying dormant in your mind. So exercise that mind and present something to this convention worth while, and I believe you will get a glad hand. We must not stop; we must go forward. We are now forty-five hundred strong, and the time must not come when we do not give the same consideration to the man in the lowest rank as that of the highest. It has been my purpose through the service of more than thirty-three years with you to know no distinction. I love you all, and when I can help you I gladly do it.

The time has come now, with one hundred and eighty-six departments throughout the State, that one man cannot get around and visit you like he used to do—it is too far. The duties in the office of the secretary are such now to handle the business of forty-five hundred men that most of his time is required in the office, and I want to say to you that I have cut most every enterprise that I am interested in away from my mind; I have let nothing prevent me for a good many years of doing your business as it should be done.

I want us to be loyal. I don't care whether you make a hundred and fifty dollars a month fighting fire or whether you get five dollars. I am sure if you go to a fire and have any sort of a fire you have to send your clothes to the pressing club afterwards, or your shoes go to pieces, or your hat or clothes are ruined. I am appealing to you men with sense—you have got it—you are in your community, the people have put you in charge of that work. I say to any Chief, when the people of a community put

you in charge you ought to handle the situation and nothing should come up that you can't control and handle, and you can, if you will.

I thank you again for this honor. I like to serve you; you have got the right kind of stuff in your eye; the only thing I regret is when I see you so infrequently I can't remember your name. You know me because I don't change, only get older in the service; but if there is anything in the service that I can help you with let me know.

Some of the boys were skeptical twenty years ago about the insurance fund, were afraid it wouldn't be a go. We have been in business, in February, for twenty years—didn't have a cent behind it, and today the boys have worked together and don't have to say when a comrade dies, "I would like to give the widow and the children a dollar, or a dime." We have paid it out of the surplus fund, and today we have seventy thousand dollars behind that fund.

When this organization was formed in December, 1921, Stacey Wade, the Insurance Commissioner, said, "I want you to do something; I want you to have the only solvent fraternal insurance concern in North Carolina." I said, "How can we do it?" He said, "Create a surplus fund."

If the firemen that hold a policy had paid an assessment for every death that occurred we would have nearly a quarter of a million dollars behind that fund. We have paid about eighty thousand dollars out of the surplus fund. Come today and join us. Twenty-six have left us since last year. Take a policy to protect that wife, children, or mother, because when you come to the river's brink we can follow you that far but no more, and you can't take anything with you, but let us leave something for those who have been left behind and may have to struggle when the time comes.

MR. A. B. HORNEY, Treasurer:

I thank you for the honor of electing me as your treasurer again and will do my very best.

ALBERT W. BRINSON, Statistician:

I appreciate the confidence bestowed in me in electing me as your statistician and can assure you that I will redouble my efforts and try to render a better report than rendered at this time. I thank you.

CHIEF PALMER:

I received a telegram from Charlotte inviting the convention to meet there next year. I move that this matter be left to the Executive committee as to the next meeting place of the convention.

The motion is seconded and carried.

CHIEF FITZGERALD:

I want to say that it has been a pleasure to have you gentlemen with us, and any time that you are in this section be sure and come to see us.

SHERWOOD BROCKWELL:

Chief Fitzgerald has labored under a great handicap during this convention. One of the finest women in the world, who a number of years ago stood at the altar of God and pledged her life to him, has for the last three months been very ill. She is now at home and under the constant care of a trained nurse.

I want to ask these gentlemen to pay their respect to Chief Fitzgerald and instruct the secretary to have a suitable and beautiful floral design sent to Mrs. Fitzgerald as a tribute of our love and esteem for her.

Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

MEMBER:

I move that we give a rising vote of thanks to Chief Fitzgerald and the Asheville Fire Department, and adjourn in his honor.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, as we come to the close of this firemen's association we come in gratitude to Thee, to give thanks for the meeting that we have had, for the inspiration, and for the love and fellowship we have had one with another, and now, O, God, as we go to our homes throughout this great State which God has given us the privilege to live in, we pray Thy blessings upon every fireman here, upon every home that is represented, upon every town that is represented; yea, Lord, even for those towns that are not represented. Grant as we go back to our homes we may go seeking always to honor Thee, and seeking to live, act and do the will of the Master, and say in our heart by this fervent prayer, "Lord, not our will, but Thy will be done."

Motion to adjourn in honor of our host, Chief Fitzgerald and the Asheville Fire Department. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

(Applause).

HOUSE BILL NO. 931.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH DEPARTMENT; AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS THEREOF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF THE ACT. The purpose of this Act shall be the creation of a State Volunteer Fire Department to provide protection for property lying outside the boundaries of municipalities, and to render assistance anywhere within the State of North Carolina, in municipalities or counties, in emergencies caused by fire, floods, tornados. or otherwise, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in this Act.

SEC. 2. PERSONNEL. The personnel of the North Carolina State Volunteer Fire Department shall consist of all active members of the organized fire departments, who are members of the North Caolina State Firemen's Association, of municipalities whereof governing bodies shall subscribe to and endorse this Act.

SEC. 3. ORGANIZATION. The North Carolina State Fire Marshal shall be Chief of the State Volunteer Fire Department; regular municipal fire chiefs shall be assistant chiefs; assistant chiefs shall be deputy chiefs; battalion chiefs, captains, lieutenants and privates shall hold the same positions that they occupy in their municipal companies. When engaged in rendering assistance at the scene of any emergency, the ranking officer of the first department arriving at the scene of the emergency shall have complete charge of all operations until the arrival of a superior officer. All subordinate officers and men shall act under the direction of such ranking officer. Whenever present at the scene of an emergency, the chief shall have full and complete control and authority over operations of all members of the department.

SEC. 4. ACCEPTANCE BY MUNICIPALITIES. Any municipality having an organized fire department and desiring to participate in the establishment of the State Volunteer Department, may do so by a resolution of the governing body accepting and endorsing the provisions of this Act: Provided, that acceptance shall not be compulsory.

SEC. 5. WITHDRAWAL. Any municipality which has accepted the provisions of this Act may withdraw its fire departments from membership in the State Volunteer Fire Department

by resolution of the governing body thereof. Notice of such withdrawal shall be given to the State Fire Marshal and withdrawal shall not become effective until sixty (60) days after his receipt thereof.

SEC. 6. DISPATCHING FIREMEN AND APPARATUS FROM MUNICIPALITIES. Municipalities endorsing this Act shall retain full and complete control and authority in sending or permitting firemen and apparatus to go beyond the limits of the municipality. The governing bodies of such municipalities shall designate and authorize a person, and at least two alternates, who shall have authority to grant or deny permission to firemen and apparatus to leave the municipality in all cases where request is made for assistance beyond its corporate limits, and the municipality shall, through the office of its municipal fire chief, furnish to the office of the State Insurance Commissioner, and to the Secretary of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, a list of the persons so authorized by the municipality. The Secretary of the State Firemen's Assocation shall furnish to all municipalities and counties accepting this Act a list of all such persons so designated in all municipalities within the State.

SEC. 7. The State Volunteer Fire Department shall not have authority to render assistance in any emergency occurring within a county which has not accepted the terms and conditions of this Act by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners: Provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any municipality from voluntarily permitting its fire department to render assistance in any emergency, notwithstanding that it may arise in a county which has failed to accept this Act.

SEC. 8. ACCEPTANCE BY COUNTIES. Any county desiring to accept the benefits of this Act may do so by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The board may make the necessary appropriation therefor and levy annually taxes for payment of the same as a special purpose, in addition to any tax allowed by any special statute for the purposes enumerated in Section one thousand two hundred and ninety-seven of the Consolidated Statutes and in addition to the rate allowed by the Constitution. All such counties may thereupon make agreements and enter into contracts with respect to payment for services rendered by the State Volunteer Fire Department within its boundaries in the following manner:

The county may contract with any municipality which has accepted the terms of this Act, whether within or without said county, to pay to such municipality an annual fee as a considera-

tion for the municipality providing equipment and carrying compensation insurance which will enable it to respond to calls from within the county so contracting, and to pay an additional sum per truck for each mile traveled from the station house to the scene of the emergency, and to pay an additional sum per truck per hour or fraction thereof for the use of its water or chemical pumping equipment. Said sums shall be paid to the city within thirty (30) days after such services have been performed: Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the county and municipality from adopting a different schedule of fees in cases where those provided above shall be considered excessive or inadequate: Provided, that if the emergency shall occur within the limits of another city or town, such city or town and not the county wherein it lies shall be responsible for the payments and shall assume all liabilities as provided in this section.

SEC. 9. MUNICIPALITIES NOT TO BE LEFT UNPROTECTED. At no time shall the entire personnel or equipment of any municipal fire department be absent from the municipality in response to a call to another municipality, or other place lying at a distance exceeding two miles from the corporate limits, but there shall remain within the municipal limits such personnel and equipment as in the judgment of the local fire chief might provide sufficient protection during the absence of the remainder.

SEC. 10. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF FIREMEN; LIABILITY OF MUNICIPALITY. When responding to a call and while working at a fire or other emergency outside the limits of the municipality by which they are regularly employed or in volunteer fire service, all members of the State Volunteer Fire Department shall have the same authority, rights, privileges and immunities which are afforded them while responding to calls within their home municipality. In permitting its fire department or equipment to attend an emergency or answer a call beyond the municipal limits, whether under the terms of this Act or otherwise, a municipality shall be deemed in exercise of a governmental function, and shall hold the privileges and immunities attendant upon the exercise of such functions within its corporate limits.

SEC. 11. RELIEF IN CASE OF INJURY OR DEATH. In case of injury or death of any member of the State Volunteer Fire Department arising out of any in the course of the performance of his duties while such member is assisting at any emergency arising beyond the limits of the municipality with which he is connected, or while going to or returning from the scene of such emergency, such fireman shall be entitled to compensation under the terms of the North Carolina Workmen's Compensation

Act, and the municipality with which he is connected shall be liable for the compensation provided under that Act.

SEC. 12. In order to assist in carrying out the purposes of this Act the Governor may, from time to time, make provisions for assistance to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association in a sum not to exceed two thousand and five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), in any one year, out of the contingent fund appropriated in the General Appropriation Act. One half of the amount so provided shall, in each instance, go to the State Firemen's Relief Fund, and one half to the expenses of the said Association incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 3rd day of April, 1939.

W. P. HORTON
President of the Senate

D. L. WARD
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Examined and found correct,
Darden
For Committee.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Department of State

I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached (SIX (6) sheets) to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord 1939.

THAD EURE
Secretary of State.

An Act to Incorporate the North Carolina State Firemen's Association

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened:

Section 1. That C. D. Benbow, J. G. Fowler, H. J. Elam, A. T. Boyd, C. F. Thomas, J. R. Donnell, Charles Whittington and S. D. Wilson, of Greensboro; J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; J. T. Thacker, W. F. Keith, S. A. Sink, C. D. Snipes, F. H. Vogler, F. C. Meinung, of Winston-Salem; E. B. Englehard, T. W. Blake, F. H. Lumsden and F. Brannon, of Raleigh; H. E. Heartt, of Durham; J. B. Swinson, of Charlotte, and such other persons as are associated with them, and their successors be, and they hereby are constiuted a body politic and corporate by the name of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and may by that name sue and be sued and prosecute and defend suits in all courts in the State and may have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure. May take contracts and be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveyting any real or personal estate for the benefit of said Association or corporation, provided, the said corporation shall not any time hold real or personal estate of greater amount than ten thousand ($10,000) dollars.

Section 2. The purpose for which said Association is organized is: The protection and promotion of the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, the compilation of fire statistics, the collection of information concerning the practical workings of different systems of organizations, the examination and inquiries concerning the merits of the different kinds of apparatus in use and the improvements in the same, the cultivation of a fraternal fellowship between the different companies of the State.

Section 3. Said Association or corporation shall have power to appoint officers, hold meetings, adopt Constitution and enact such By-Laws in such manner as their Constitution may prescribe, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects and aims of the Association; provided, that such Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the Constitution of the State and of the United States.

Section 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 11th day of March, A. D., 1889.

The North Carolina State Firemen's Association

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, insure prosperity and promote the best interests of the Firemen of North Carolina, and compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of the different apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires, also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several Fire Departments of the State do, here establish the following Constitution and By-Laws.

Constitution

Article I

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Article II

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, and they shall constitute the Executive Committee and will hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Each officer of the Association shall have one vote on all questions coming before the Association:

Article III

Section 1. The members of the Association shall consist of the several Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of the Fire Departments, Fire Marshals, Superintendents of Fire Alarm, Superintendents of Waterworks, Buildings and Electric Inspectors, and each regular organized Fire Company in the several Fire Departments of the State; said persons and companies complying with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, and all individual members of such fire companies, who comply with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, shall, also, by virtue of their membership of such companies, be members of this Association for the purpose of participating in the benefits of this Association, and the funds disbursed by it, so long as said company remains a member of the Association, and no longer. But should any member fail to pay his per capita tax, when called for, and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association he shall be debarred from the privileges of this Association.

Section 2. Any member injured or made sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of his duty as a Fireman, shall be entitled to the benefits from the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Association, as set forth and contained in the By-Laws of said Association; and should death result from such injury or sickness the widow, if any, of such deceased fireman shall receive such an amount and for such purposes as is set forth and contained in the By-Laws of this Association, and in case there is no widow, then the company of which such deceased fireman was a member shall receive such an amount and for such purposes as is set forth and contained in the By-Laws of this Association.

Section 3. Every person or company eligible and desiring to become a member of this Association shall make application to the Secretary, and at the same time pay to him the prescribed membership fee, and thereupon, if such applicant or company be

eligible he or such company shall become a member of this Association.

Section 4. All companies represented in this Association must be in full accord and in good standing in the Fire Department of the city, town or village where they are located, and if at any time they are not so, they shall forfeit all rights to membership in this Association, and companies that do not affiliate with the fire department of the city, town or village where they are located shall not be entitled to membership in this Association.

Section 5. "Every fire department in the State, which is a member of the Association, shall on or before the first day of August in each year, elect two delegates, and also two alternates, to serve for the ensuing year, with the Chief and Assistant Chief of the various fire departments at large, who shall be entitled to one vote each in addition to the two votes herein provided for each fire department. In the absence of a delegate so elected, his alternate shall be entitled to vote in his stead, or if his alternate be absent, the next alternate shall be entitled to vote; in any event, the two full votes of each department may be cast by either a delegate or alternate, if only one, whether delegate or alternate, be in attendance. They shall be beneficiary members of the Association, and their names must appear on the beneficiary roll."

(Adopted at the 1941 annual convention in the City of Asheville, August 6, 1941.)

Article IV

Section 1. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held at such place as the Association shall select, if said Association selects such place, and if not, then the Executive Committee shall select the time of holding all annual meetings of the Association.

Section 2. A failure to hold any annual meeting at the time designated in the Constitution shall in no wise make a dissolution of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as they may decide, on a call of the President or a majority of said Committee.

Article V

Section 1. If any vacancy shall occur by reason of death, resignation or otherwise of any of the officers of this Association, such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term for which said officer was elected.

Article VI

Section 1. This Association shall have the power to alter, amend, repeal or revise this Constitution and the By-Laws by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association present entitled to vote; provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

By-Laws

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Article I

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Association and to counter-sign all orders, warrants or vouchers duly granted by the Association, Executive Committee or other officer of the Association. He shall receive $250.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant on the Treasurer issued by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a complete record of all the proceedings of the Association; to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association; to keep a roster of the names of the different companies composing the Association and the individual members thereof; to collect the membership fee and the per capita tax, and to pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; and to issue all warrants and vouchers for the payment of all moneys expended by the Association or any officer thereof. He shall execute a bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to this Association for security of all funds in his hands to be approved by and filed with the President. All property, books and records in the hands of the Secretary, are and shall remain the property of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. He shall receive $600.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant on Treasurer, issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Secretary and give a receipt to him for the same; to collect

and receive annually from the State Treasurer the amount appropriated by the Legislature for the Firemen's Relief Fund; to collect and receive from the Insurance Commissioner the five per cent of the money collected from the Insurance Companies as prescribed by law in Section 6067 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina. He shall disburse no moneys except on order issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President. At the annual meetings of the Association he shall make a full report of all the moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall execute a bond to the State of North Carolina as prescribed by law, which bond shall be approved by and filed with the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, and shall make a detailed report of the said Treasurer of the State of North Carolina of the yearly expenditures of the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall, also, execute a bond in the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to this Association for the security of the General Fund, to be approved by the President and filed with the Secretary of this Association. All property, books and records in the hands of the Treasurer are, and shall remain the property of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. He shall receive $200.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant on the Treasurer issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to correctly compile the statistics of each village and city in the State of all matters pertaining to the fire service, annually correcting the previous reports, which shall include everything of interest to our firemen, and to be so arranged as to be comprehensive in every detail. The expenses of all printing, printed matter and postage necessary in sending for and receiving such information shall be paid by the Association. He shall receive $75.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid annually by warrant on the Treasurer issued by the Secretary and counter-signed by the President.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to have published the proceedings of the Association; to transact all business of the Association during the times intervening between the annual meetings of said Association; to advise the Treasurer in the management of all funds of the Association. At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum may determine all questions and transact all business the same as if all the said committee were present.

Section 7. The expenses of the President when absent from home upon business of the Association, and while attending the annual meetings and special meetings of the Association, to be incurred at his discretion, shall be paid upon warrant issued by

the Secretary and counter-signed by the President, and the expenses of the other officers of the Association when absent from home upon business of the Association, and while attending the annual meetings and special meetings of said Association shall likewise be paid upon warrant issued by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

Section 8. All moneys expended under this Article shall be paid out the General Fund of this Association, and not from the Firemen's Relief Fund. Provided, that the salary of the Treasurer and printing of the minutes each year may be paid out of the Firemen's Relief Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Article II

Section 1. Each fire company shall pay a membership fee of Five Dollars, and each Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Superintendent of Waterworks, Building and Electric Inspectors, shall pay an annual fee of One Dollar, and all other members an annual fee of Fifty Cents each.

Section 2. The annual fees above mentioned shall be paid on, or before the first day of January of each and every year, in advance for the insuing year. And all members who fail to comply with this provision shall, thereon and by reason of such failure, cease to be members of this Association, and cannot again become members of this Association except by new application, made in regular form, and paying the prescribed fee for membership.

Section 3. Any individual or company, members of this Association who, at any time fail to act in a gentlemanly manner, may upon charges brought before the Association be expelled from said Association by a majority vote of the membershirp.

Section 4. Any Honorary Fireman may, upon the payment of the annual fees, become a member of the Association, with all rights and privileges of any other member, except such Honorary Firemen shall not participate in the Firemen's Relief Fund.

SICK AND DEATH BENEFITS

Article III

Section 1. Any member of this Association injured or made sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of his duties as a fireman shall be entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Association, as follows: At the rate of $4.00 per day while totally unable to attend to his ordinary business by reason of such injury or sickness for a period not exceeding one hundred days; but the Executive Committee may extend such benefits for good cause shown to the next annual meeting of the Association next after the expiration of the said period of one

hundred days, and the Association at said annual meeting will, at its pleasure, determine the time for which such benefits may be received; and in case of death for such injury or sickness, this Association shall pay to the widow of the deceased $300.00 for funeral expenses, and should the deceased have no widow, this amount shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Company of which the deceased was a member to be used by said Company to defray his funeral expenses. Provided that no fireman shall be entitled to receive any benefits under this section until the local Fireman's Relief Fund of his city or town shall have been exhausted.

Section 2. The Chief or Acting Chief shall certify before a Magistrate, Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths on blank form published by the Secretary of this Association, accompanied by a certificate of the attending physician, said certificate to be made on a blank furnished by the Secretary of this Association.

Section 3. Applications for benefits shall be made to the Secretary in compliance with the form to be furnished by the Secretary for that purpose, and shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury or contracting the disease complained of; but said time for making said application may be extended by the Executive Committee for good cause shown.

Section 4. The action of this Association upon all questions that may arise as to granting or refusing relief and benefits, both as to the amount thereof and the person claiming, and upon all questions relating to the right or claim of membership, shall be final and conclusive, and the action of the Executive Committee upon said questions shall in like manner be final and conclusive until the same be changed by the Association at its annual meetings.

Rules of Order

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum; all questions of order shall be decided by him, subject to an appeal of the Association.

2. Every member when he speaks shall rise, standing in his place, addressing the presiding officer, and shall omit personalities and confine himself to the questions under debate.

3. When two or more members shall rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the one who shall speak first.

4. A member when called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain by the Chair. If there be no appeal, the decision shall be conclusive.

5. Every delegate shall vote, unless excused by the Association, but no delegate shall vote on any question in which he shall have a direct individual or pecuniary interest, and the President shall only vote in case of a tie.

6. The ayes and nays shall be taken and entered upon the minutes of the Association, if required by three delegates.

7. All business not provided for in these By-Laws shall be transacted according to the parliamentary rules that govern deliberate bodies. No less than the representative of five companies shall constitute a quorum.

Firemen's Relief Fund

ARTICLE 1—STATE APPROPRIATIONS

6056—Annual Appropriation

The sum of two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated annually and shall constiute a "Firemen's Relief Fund."

6057—Payment by State Treasurer.

The treasurer of the state shall pay the amount constituting the firemen's relief fund on the warrant of the auditor, one-fourth to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association, properly chartered by law, and three-fourths to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. The treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association shall give bond, and the Association shall disburse the funds in the same manner and under the same rules as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

6058—Application of Fund

The money so paid into the hands of the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be known and remain as the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of North Carolina, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, members of such association, who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of duty as firemen, and for the relief of widows, children, and if there be no widow or children, then dependent mothers of such firemen killed or dying from disease so contracted in such discharge of duty; to be paid in such manner and in such sums to such individuals of the classes herein named and described as may be provided for and determined upon in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of said association, and such provisions and determinations made pursuant to said constitution and by-laws shall be final and conclusive as to the persons entitled to benefits and as to the amount of benefit to be received, and no action at law shall be maintained against said Association to enforce any claim or recover any benefit under this article or under the constitution and by-laws of said Association; but if any officer or commitee of said Association omit or refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings against said officer or committee, to compel him or them to perform such duty. No fireman shall be entitled to receive any benefit under this section

until the Firemen's Relief Fund of this city or town shall have been exhausted.

6059—Treasurer to File Report and Give Bond

The Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall make a detailed report to the state treasurer of the yearly expenditures of the appropriation under this chapter on or before the end of the fiscal year, showing the total amount of money in his hands at the time of the filing of the report, and shall give a bond to the State of North Carolina with good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the treasurer of the State of North Carolina in a sum not less than the amount of money on hand as shown by said report.

6060—Who Shall Participate in the Fund

The line of duty entitling one to participate in the fund shall be so construed as to mean actual fire duty only, and any actual duty connected with the fire department when directed to perform the same by an officer in charge.

6061—Who May Become Members

Any organized Fire Company in North Carolina, holding itself ready for duty may, upon compliance with the requirements of said constitution and by-laws become a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and any firemen of good moral character in North Carolina, and belonging to an organized fire company who will comply with the requirements of the constitution and by-laws of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association may become a member of said association.

6062—Applied to Members of Regular Fire Company

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any fireman who is a member of a regularly organized fire company, and is a member in good standing of the North Carolina State Fremen's Association.

ARTICLE 2—FUND DERIVED FROM FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES

6063—Fire Insurance Companies to Report Premiums Collected.

Every fire insurance company, corporation or association doing business in any town or city in North Carolina that has, or may hereafter have, a regularly organized fire department under the control of the mayor and city council or other governing body of said town or city, and which has in serviceable condition for fire duty apparatus and equipment amounting in value to one thousand dollars or more and which enforces the fire laws to the satisfaction of the insurance commissioner shall return to the insurance commissioner of the state of North Carolina a

just and true account of all premiums collected and received from all fire insurance business done within the corporate limits of such towns and cities during year ending December thirty-first, or such portion thereof as they may have transacted such business in such towns and cities. Such companies, corporations, or associations shall make said returns within sixty days from and after the thirty-first day of December of each year.

6064—Tax on Receipts For Premiums

Every fire insurance company, corporation or association as aforesaid shall, within seventy-five days from December thirty-first of each year, deliver and pay to the state insurance commissioner the sum of fifty cents out of and from every one hundred dollars, and at that rate, upon the amount of all premiums written on fire and lightning policies covering property situated within the corporated limits of such towns and cities during the year ending December thirty-first in each year, or for such portion of each year as said company, corporation, or association shall have done business in said towns and cities.

6065—Insurance Commissioner to Investigate Returns and Collect Tax

Every such company, corporation, or association shall make accurate returns of all business done, both on fire and lightning insurance, covering property situated within the limits of such towns and cities; and in case any fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake of any returns, as provided for in this article, be apparent, it shall be the duty of the insurance commissioner to investigate such returns and collect the amount which he shall find to be due.

6066—Penalty For Failure to Pay Tax

Every fire insurance company, association, or corporation aforesaid which shall knowingly or wilfully fail or neglect to report or pay over any of the money due on premiums as aforesaid, at the times and in the manner specified in this article, or shall be found upon examination to have made a false return of businesss done by them, shall for each offense forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars for the use and benefit of the fire department of such town or city, to be recovered in a civil action in the name of the town or city.

6067—Insurance Commissioner to Pay Fund to Treasurer

The insurance commissioner shall deduct the sum of five per cent from the money so collected from the insurance companies, corporations, or associations, as aforesaid, and pay the same over to the treasurer of the State Firemen's Association for general purposes and the remainder of the money so collected from the

insurance companies, corporations, or associations, as aforesaid, doing business in the several towns and cities in the state having, or that may hereafter have organized fire department as provided in this article, said insurance commissioner shall pay to the treasurer of each town or city to be held by him as a separate and distinct fund, and he shall immediately pay the same to the treasurer of the local board of trustees upon his election and qualification, for the use of the board of trustees of the firemen's local relief fund in each town or city, composed of five members, residents of said city or town as hereinafter provided for, to be used by them for the purpose as named in section 6069.

6068—Trustees Appointed; Organization

In each town or city complying with and deriving benefits from the provisions of this article there shall be appointed annually in January, a local board of trustees, known as the trustees of the firemen's relief fund, to be composed of five members, two of whom shall be named by the members of the local fire department, two by the mayor and board of aldermen or other local governing body, the remaining member by the State insurance commissioner, all to hold office for two years or until their successors are appointed, and to serve without pay for their service. They shall immediately after appointment organize by electing from their members a chairman and a secretary and treasurer, which two last positions may be held by the same person. The treasurer of said board of trustees shall give a good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to the amount of moneys in his hands, to be approved by the insurance commissioner, for the faithful and proper discharge of the duties of his office.

6069—Disbursement of Fund By Trustees

The board of trustees shall have entire control of the funds derived from the provisions of this article, and shall disburse the funds only for the following purposes:

1. To safeguard any fireman in active service from financial loss occasioned by sickness contracted or injury received while in the performance of his duties as a fireman.

2. To provide a reasonable support for those actually dependent upon the services of any fireman who may lose his life in the fire service of his town, city or state, either by accident or from disease contracted or injury received by reason of such service. The amount is to be determined according to the earning capacity of the deceased.

3. To safeguard any fireman who has honorably served for a period of five years in the fire service of this city or town from ever becoming an inmate of any almshouse or actually dependent upon charity.

4. To provide for the payment of any fireman's assessment in the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the State of North Carolina, if the board of trustees find as a fact that said fireman is unable to pay the said assessment by reason of disability.

6070—Trustees to Keep Account and File Report; Effect of Failure

The board of trustees shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and disbursed by them, and shall at the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association render an itemized statement of the same, for publication in the annual report, a copy of which report shall be made annually to the state insurance commissioner; and in case any board of trustees in any of the towns and cities benefitted by this article shall neglect or fail to perform their duties, or shall willfully misappropriate the funds entrusted to their care, or shall neglect or fail to report at the annual meeting at the state association, then the insurance commissioner shall withhold any and all further payments to said board of trustees, or their successors, until the matter has been fully investigated by an official of the State Firemen's Association, and adjusted to the satisfaction of the state insurance commissioner. Should such payments be unadjusted for a period of fifteen months from the time when such payments would otherwise have been made then the insurance commissioner shall pay over the said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund.

6071—Municipal Clerk to Certify List of Fire Companies; Effect of Failure

The clerk of any city, town or village or other municipal corporation having an organized fire department shall, on or before the 31st day of October in each year, make and file with the insurance commissioner his certificate, stating the existence of such department, the number of steam, hand or other engines, hook and ladder trucks and hose carts in actual use, the number of organized companies, and the system of water supply in use for such departments, together with such other facts as the insurance commissioner may require, on a blank to be furnished by him. If the certificate required by this section is not filed with the insurance commissioner on or before October thirty-first in any year, the city, town or village so failing to file such certificate shall forfeit the payment next due to be paid to said board of trustees, and the insurance commissioner shall pay over said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and same shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund.

6072—Fire Departments To Be Members of State Association And Send Delegate To Meeting

For the purpose of supervision and as guaranty that the pro-

visions of this article shall be honestly administered in a business like manner, it is provided that every department enjoying the benefits of this law shall be a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, send at least one accredited delegate to the annual meeting of said association and comply with its constitution and by-laws. If the fire department of any city, town or village shall fail to send at least one delegate to the annual meeting of the State Firemen's Association and otherwise fails to comply with the constitution and by-laws of said Association said city, town or village shall forfeit its right to the next annual payment due from the funds mentioned in this article, and the insurance commissioner shall pay over said amount to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and same shall constitute a part of the firemen's relief fund: Provided, however, that the failure of any department to have a delegate or representative present at the annual meeting of the association shall not have such effect if in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Committee of said association such delegate or representative had a valid excuse for his failure so to attend.

6073—No Discrimination on Account of Color

Inasmuch as there are in a number of towns and cities of this state fire companies composed exclusively of colored men, it is expressly provided that the local board of trustees shall make no discrimination on account of color in the payment of benefits. The treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall pay to the treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association one-sixth of the funds arising from the five per cent. paid him by the insurance commissioner each year, to be used by said North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association for general purposes.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly, read three times and ratified, this 21st day of February, 1925.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6063 OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES RELATING TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section six thousand sixty-three of the Consolidated Statutes be amended by striking out the word "incorporated" in line two (2) thereof, after the word "any" and before the word "town".

Section 2. That this act be in force and effect from a and after its ratification.

Section 3. Ratified this the 19th day of March, A. D. 1929.

Rules Governing Hose Companies

HAND REEL CONTEST

Two To Enter

Sixteen men and a foreman allowed.

Reel to carry not less than 148 feet of standard two and one-half inch hose to be connected on the start as when ready for duty to fires (three full threads) to run 100 yards, unreel not les than 98 feet of hose, attach same to plug, screw pipe to hose (any size nozzle), throw water in quickets time. Water to show opposite or beyond the hyrant, or company shall be ruled out. The plug must be closed at the time of the company starting on the run, and shall be opened by the wrenchman. No straps or snap couplings allowed.

No company shall be allowed to assist another. In the run each company is required to furnish a roll of its members to the Secretary of the Association on the morning after the first day, as early as possible. Fifteen minutes will be allowed. Each company failing to start within that time shall be ruled out. Two entries required. No one allowed inside the ropes except the company making the run. The company making the best time wins the first prize. No company allowed to enter more than one team.

GRAB RACE CONTEST

Company to run 50 yards, grab reel and run 50 yards to plug, unreel not less than 48 feet of hose, attach same to plug and throw water—drag rope to be put up or down (optional with company) Plug must be closed when company starts to run same as Reel Contests. Couplings to be broken opposite or beyond plug. Should butt or nozzle blow off, company be ruled out.

HORSE REEL RACE

Two To Enter

Companies allowed the use of any four-wheeled Hose Carriage or Wagon, either one or two-horse, to carry not less than 250 feet standard two and one-half inch natural unstretched hose. Carriage or Wagon to be weighed; weight for one horse not less than 1,000 pounds, exclusive of driver and men; the driver, buttman and coupling breaker shall ride on Carriage or Wagon, horse or horses to be hitched to hose Carriage and Wagon and to be given a moving start of 50 yards behind the actual starting line. The starting

to be so located as to be a 200-yard run for horse to hydrant, where company is to unreel. Time to be taken when front wheels of wagon pass over the starting line until water shows, unreel not less than 250 feet of hose, breaking couplings and attach pipe and show water. Water must show within 50 of the 250-foot line; hose to be reeled on carriage or placed on wagon, connected with three full threads. The plug must be closed at the time of the company starting and cannot be opened until hose is first started to be unreeled. Companies allowed five men in addition to those who ride, and can be placed in such positions as desired. Time taken from the first signal until water shows. If butt, or pipe blows off company shall be ruled out and hose must be let go before pressure is taken off. Where ballast is used the certificate must show the kind of ballast and weight of same.

Other Events

One Hundred Yard Foot Race

Men to run 100 yards. Two men to be selected by the captain of each company. The one making the best time wins the prize.

General Rules.

All contestants will be required to take part in the parade, unless excused for satisfactory reasons, same to be made in writing.

In no case will a second trial be allowed.

Each company's run will be decided by lot.

Captains will select all judges on the morning of the contest.

All competing companies must furnish the judges with weight of apparatus—to be weighed on city scales.

Companies wishing couplings—city Standard, eight threads to the inch—will be furnished with the same on application to the Chief of Fire Department.

Hose will be furnished on the day of contest, if desired.

No person will be allowed to enter any of the contests unless he is a bona fide member of the company with which he enters.

N. B.—Judges must be governed by the rules, as no changes will be allowed under any circumstances.

Rules Governing Motor Contest at Fayetteville Convention and Tournament — 1920

Rule 1. Contest shall be to test the efficiency of the men, and not for speed of truck.

Rule 2. Team shall consist of not more than 8 men, one of whom shall be captain. Team to be sub-divided into 2 sub-teams, one for Hose contest and one for the Chemical contest. The Hose team to consist of 1 wrenchman, 1 buttman, 1 slack-puller, 1 coupling-breaker and 1 nozzleman. The Chemical team to consist of 2 laddermen and one climber—three men; total eight men.

Rule 3. Truck shall be furnished by the city where Tournament is to be held. Same truck to be used by all teams alike. A competent chauffer to be furnished by the city, to drive for all alike. He shall be sworn to give as near as is humanly possible the same start, the same speed and same finish to all teams alike.

Rule 4. Truck to start from a standstill with men on truck, from a point not less than 200 yards from hydrant; to run with fair speed to all, breaking string that sounds starting gong going at hydrant, 100 feet from hydrant and pass hydrant and come to a full stop opposite the ladder-shed, which shall be erected on the opposite side of the street, 100 feet beyond the hydrant. (Hydrant to be on left, ladder-shed to be on right.

Rule 5. Men to jump from truck, remove cap, connect hose to hydrant lay two sections of hose, break coupling, attach nozzle and show water at nozzle. The Chemical men to unship ladder, place same against ladder shed; the climber to mount same and touch bell on ladder-shed with his chemical nozzle. Bell to be erected on ladder-shed 14 feet from pavement to the center of bell. Ladder to be standard twelve foot truck ladder.

Rule 6. There shall be two sets of timers, one for the Hose contest, and one for the Chemical contest. Hose contest shall be WET, the chemical contest to be DRY. Time shall be taken by both sets of timers at the sound of the starting gong—until water shows at nozzle for the Hoseman, and from the touch of the chemical nozzle at top round of ladder-shed by the Chemical men.

Rule 7. In the Water Contest, coupling must be broken and water shown, opposite or beyond hydrant; hose must be laid in truck, same as for fire service; second coupling (the one to be broken) to be on three full threads and placed in truck, beyond the reach of the coupling breaker, until hose is commenced to be laid; buttman and slack-puller allowed not more than fifteen feet of slack to jump with; cap on hydrant to be three full threads.

Rule 8. The time of the Hose service and the Chemical service to be kept separate. Separate prizes to be given to the winners in each contest.

Rule 9. A neutral judge who is not in anyway connected with the team making the run, to ride on truck and report any infraction of the above rules.

Rule 10. No one except members of team starting with truck allowed to assist in any particular.

The General rules of the Association to govern Judges in making all decisions.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BE IT KNOWN, THAT WHEREAS, James D. McNeill, James H. Wood, R. E. Currier, A. L. Duckett, Charles Schnibben, H. H. Horton, Charles D. Farmer, Sherwood Brockwell, John L. Miller, Col. A. H. Boyden, John L. Foister and E. E. Bain, have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporationg under the name of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, for the purpose of conducting a mutual insurance business, and have complied with the provisions of the statutes of this State in such case made and provided, as appears from the following certified Articles of Association:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This is to certify, that the undersigned, a majority who are citizens and residents of the State of North Carolina, do hereby associate ourselves into a corporation, under and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, Chapter 106, of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, known as the North Carolina Insurance Law, and the several acts and supplements amendatory thereof.

1. The name of the corporation is The Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

2. The names and post office addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

Name	Post Office
James D. McNeill	Fayetteville, N. C.
James H. Wood	Asheville, N. C.
R. E. Currier	Black Mountain, N. C.
A. L. Duckett	Asheville, N. C.
Charles Schnibben	Wilmington, N. C.
H. H. Horton	Raleigh, N. C.
Charles D. Farmer	Raleigh, N. C.
Sherwood Brockwell	Raleigh, N. C.
John L. Miller	Concord, N. C.
Col. A. H. Boyden	Salisbury, N. C.
John L. Foister	Chapel Hill, N. C.
E. E. Bain	Greensboro, N. C.

3. The location of the principal or head office shall be in the city of Concord, County of Cabarrus, State of North Carolina, but the same may be moved by said corporation or its board of directors to any other city or town in said State.

4. The objects for which this corporation is formed is to establish and carry on a fraternal benefit fund for the purpose of making provision for the payment of a benefit in case of death of its members as result of disease, accident, or old age, and is organized for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries and designated in the insurance law as Fraternal Orders.

5. Said corporation may make by laws for its government, prescribe the necessary officers, their duties and compensation, require bond from such of its officers as occupy positions of trust, prescribe and levy dues and assessments to be collected from its members, and do and perform such things as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of said corporation.

6. The said corporation shall have such powers, rights and privileges as are usually granted by law to such fraternal benefit corporations or associations and be subject to all laws of the State applicable to such corporations or associations and be supervised by the Insurance Commissioner and licensed by said officer before it shall issue certificates or transact said business. The Commissioner is authorized to license said corporation when it shall be made to appear to his satisfaction that said corporation has been organized under this charter, as provided by law, and has at least three hundred bona fide applications for membership.

Its membership shall be limited to the members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, who are in good standing, including dues paid to that body, and expulsion, suspension or dismission from the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall forfeit all rights or benefits in this fund.

7. No member shall be individually liable for the debts of the corporation, except for such amounts as may be levied in dues and assessments, as shall be provided in the by-laws of said association or by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, hereunto set our hands and affix our seals, this the 9th day of December, 1921.

James D. McNeill,	(SEAL)	Chas. Schnibben,	(SEAL)
J. H. Wood,	(SEAL)	Chas. D. Farmer,	(SEAL
R. E. Currier,	(SEAL)	Sherwood Brockwell,	(SEAL)
A. L. Duckett,	(SEAL)	Jno. L. Miller,	(SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

Be it remembered that on this the 9th day of December, 1921, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared James H. Wood, James D. McNeill, R. E. Currier, A. L. Duckett, Chas. Schnibben, Chas. D. Farmer, S. Brockwell and Jno. L. Miller, personally known to me and whose names as signed to the foregoing articles of incorporation and they and each of them acknowledged that they signed the same for the purpose therein set forth as their own voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal at Raleigh, N. C., this the day and date above written.

W. H. PITTMAN, Notary Public.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

My commission expires July 29, 1922.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
RALEIGH

I, Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner, in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I have this day examined the foregoing Articles of Association of The Firemen's Fraternal Fund of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and find that they comply with the requirements of the law, and I hereby approve said Articles of Incorporation and certify them to the Honorable Secretary of State, as required by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Raleigh, this the 9th day of December, A. D., 1921.

STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner,

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Filed December 9, 1921,

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

Now, therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that James D. McNeill, James H. Wood, R. E. Currier, A. L. Duckett, Charles Schnibben, H. H. Horton, Charles D. Farmer, Sherwood Brockwell, John L. Miller, Col. A. H. Boyden, John L. Foister, E. E. Bain, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation under the name of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, with such articles of association, and have all the powers, rights and privileges and subject to the duties, liabilities and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the State of North Carolina hereunto affixed, this the 9th day of December in the year 1921.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

Constitution and By-Laws

OF THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Name and Object

Article 1. The name of this Association, which is organized by voluntary agreement of its members and under resolutions duly adopted by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, shall be known as "Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the State of North Carolina."

Article 2. The objects of said Association shall be to cement more firmly the bonds of fraternity and friendship now existing between the members of THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Article 3. The Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund shall be created and maintained by assessment made upon its members, which shall become due and payable as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

Government

Article 1. The Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund shall be under the general control and supervision and management of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Article 2. The Executive Committee shall make a report at each and every Annual Meeting of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association at its first business session.

By-Laws and Regulations

The officers of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund shall be the Executive officers of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Membership

1. Any active member in good standing with the State Association, and any Honorary member who has served five years as a fireman, and in good standing with the State Association, shall be eligible for membership in THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND.

2. Any member whose name shall have been dropped from the Roll of Members for non-payment of assessments may be re-in-

stated in his membership upon application, and upon a showing that he is in good health at the time, and upon paying to the Secretary the sum of $2.20, together with all past due assessments: Provided, however, that said application for reinstatement shall be made within twelve months after the time his name shall have been dropped from the roll, and, Provided, further, that no member so in default shall be allowed more than one application for reinstatement.

Sub.-Sec. 2. The application of any person presented to the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund for membership as an honorary member shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, sworn to and subscribed before a Notary Public by the three ranking officials of the Department or organization to which applicant has belonged to, or affiliated with, stating that such applicant has been an active member of an organized Fire Department in the State of North Carolina and is in good standing in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association and has been for the period of FIVE years immediately preceeding the presentation of his application.

Sub.-Sec. 3. No application presented for membership either active or honorary shall be accepted by the Secretary of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund if the age of the applicant is in excess of 50 years.

Beneficiaries and Certificates

3. A Certificate of Membership shall be issued to each member of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, signed by the President and Secretary, which certificate, among other things, shall set forth the name, age, place of residence of the member, and also the name, age, place of residence and relationship of the Beneficiary named and designated by the member at the time of his application.

4. The Beneficiary shall be named and designated by the member at the time of his application for membership, and shall be a near relative of the applicant. Provided; that in exceptional cases; and with the consent of the Executive Committee, the applicant may designiate his estate as beneficiary.

5. The designated Beneficiary may be changed at the pleasure of the member upon surrender of his Certificate of Membership upon the payment of a fee of $1.00, and thereupon a new Certificate of Membership, with the name of the new beneficiary therein stated, shall be issued to him. Upon surrender of any Certificate, the President and Secretary shall cancel the same.

6. In case the certificate of Membership shall be lost or destroyed, and a member desires to procure a new Certificate of

Membership or desires to change the beneficiary designated therein, he shall have the resignated beneficiary, if living, join in the application for a new certificate, or for change of the Beneficiary; Provided, that in case the designated beneficiary be dead, proof of such fact must accompany the application for a new certificate, or for change of the beneficiary.

7. In case the designated beneficiary shall pre-decease the member, and the member shall die without having designated a new beneficiary, then, and in that event, the amount payable under the Certificate of Membership shall be payable to the heirs at law or legatees of such deceased member, according to the laws of the State of which the deceased member was a citizen at the time of his death.

Payment of Beneficiary Fund

Upon receiving satisfactory notice of the death of a member of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, the President and Treasurer shall immediately forward to the beneficiary designated in the Certificate of Membership, if living, or to the heirs at law or legatees of such deceased member, if known, and the designated beneficiary be dead, a check for a sum of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars if so much be in the Treasury at the time, and as soon hereafter as practicable, not exceeding sixty days, the balance collected upon the assessment made on account of the death of such deceased member: Provided, that no amount greater than One Thousand Dollars of the sum collected upon the assessment made for the death of any deceased member shall be paid to the designated beneficiary, if living, or to the heirs at law or legatees of the deceased member, if the resignated beneficiary be dead at the time of the levy and collection of such assessment, Provided, further that One Dollar from every assessment in excess of One Thousand Dollars collected from members shall go to establish a surplus fund.

Assessment and Beneficiary Fund

1. Each member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association becoming a member of the Firemen's Fraternal Insurance Fund of the State of North Carolina shall pay in advance to the Secretary, the sum of $2.20 which shall constitute the first two assessments.

2. Upon the death of any member of the Association, there shall be levied upon each member an assessment of $1.10, and there shall be levied as many assessments as there shall be deaths of members, to the end that the primary fund arising from the first two assessments shall be maintained intact as nearly as possible.

3. All assessments shall be levied by the Secretary, notice of which shall be promptly given to each member, and shall be payable to said President and Secretary within thirty days after the same shall have been made.

4. Any member who shall fail to pay the assessment levied, and being in default in payment thereof for thirty days after notice of such assessment, shall cease to be a member of THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, and shall forfeit all interest therein, unless reinstated as herein provided.

5. The sum arising from assessments shall be apportioned and applied as follows: Ten (10c) cents to each assessment shall be applied to the account of salary and expenses of one ($1.00) Dollar thereof, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars, as heretofore provided, to the beneficiary of the member for whose death the assessment may be levied.

6. Upon payment of the full amount collected upon an assessment on account of the death of any member of the Fund, the President and Secretary shall cancel the certificate of membership of such deceased member.

Amendments

These By-Laws and Regulations may be repealed, amended or added to by vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee at any regular meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose, same to be subject to approval of the NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION at its next regular meeting.

Application blanks and Forms of Certificate of Membership were offered for inspection and the question of the exact forms left open for future action.

Upon motion of Capt. McNeil the election of a board of directors resulted as follows: James H. Wood, John L. Foister, Charles Schnibben, R. E. Currier and John L. Miller, the same persons as now constitute the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. The work of the incorporators having been completed, the meeting was adjourned.

JOHN L. MILLER,
Temporary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1941

Department	Treasurer	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Aberdeen	J. D. McLean	$ 87.82	$ 5.58	$ 638.39
Albemarle				
Ahoskie	H. M. Copeland	238.95	20.00	928.60
Andrews	Clyde H. Jarrett	77.57		701.89
Asheboro	L. B. Lambert	439.80	8.35	3,078.86
Asheville				
Ayden				
Beaufort	W. H. Taylor	69.79	802.79	.00
Belmont	R. E. Garrison	247.93	5.00	242.93
Belhaven	R. D. Windley	42.79		437.64
Benson	W. R. Strickland	99.81	5.00	1,122.33
Bessemer City	Harry L. Davis	31.98		352.54
Bethel	G. G. Mizell	82.46		413.78
Black Mountain	D. L. Greene	93.65	8.00	203.01
Blowing Rock				
Boone				
Brevard				
Bryson City				
Burlington	W. R. Sellars	1,222.53	453.33	6,038.60
Burnsville				
Canton	H. D. Secrest	219.16	11.53	1,692.80
Carrboro				
Carthage	H. W. Jackson	97.18		660.60
Cary				
Chapel Hill	W. O. Sparrow	261.55	338.21	889.98
Charlotte	S. Y. McAden	4,750.33	3,635.75	60,232.79
Cherryville	F. K. Houser	75.52	92.00	193.51
China Grove	W. R. Yost	52.32		249.10
Clayton	Jno. T. Talton	109.67	32.50	1,520.62
Clinton	L. R. Register	359.38	14.65	1,548.16
Concord	L. T. Hartsell	1,540.05	158.22	11,619.66
Columbia				
Davidson	F. D. Hobart	30.99		255.36
Dunn	J. C. Andrews	704.49	6.98	3,542.99
Durham	B. C. Cannada	4,246.37	62.78	33,117.59
East Spencer	W. A. Merrell	33.90	33.90	.00
Edenton	Chas. H. Wood	195.59	7.50	3,450.16
Elizabeth City	D. G. Brockett	3,600.36	3,164.27	7,206.57

Elkin	Dixie Graham	330.58	5.00	3,520.17
Enfield	R. E. Shevette	106.14	5.00	1,907.19
Fairmont				
Farmville	T. E. Joyner	112.97	20.00	2,431.54
Fayetteville	S. W. Tillinghast	562.04	2,776.73	2,442.11
Forest City	J. W. Morgan	145.61	.67	1,470.40
Franklin	R. W. Welch	47.99	40.20	315.18
Franklinton	W. H. Cyrus	35.03	5.00	308.48
Fremont				
Gastonia	B. B. Gardner	582.76	41.94	14,954.59
Gibsonville	W. G. Boon	30.35		566.47
Goldsboro	Edgar H. Bain	2,388.91	2,096.06	19,711.81
Graham	W. E. Thompson	109.98	5.00	1,910.02
Greensboro				
Greenville	J. H. Woldrop	742.29	353.54	9,277.56
Hamlet	E. J. Bullock	432.52	9.96	5,245.04
Henderson	M. J. O'Neil	568.81	50.00	12,569.34
Hendersonville	Geo. C. Peebles	941.99	3,005.34	3,319.83
Hertford	W. B. Tucker	138.05		1,759.54
Hickory	J. L. Cilley	456.88	7.50	5,383.18
High Point	W. C. Idol	6,260.15	6,920.04	31,474.57
Jacksonville	Chas. E. Warn	49.23	5.00	383.75
Kannapolis	E. A. Johnson	144.53		1,211.96
Kernersville				
Kinston	W. D. LaRoque	950.60	46.52	11,219.78
LaGrange	E. W. Kinsey	44.66	.37	398.91
Laurinburg	Thos. J. Gill, Jr.	231.60	5.63	2,874.15
Leaksville	Waymon Smith	183.27	9.38	2,277.30
Lenoir	C. W. Hailey	599.54	20.00	6,673.82
Lexington	T. N. Owen	388.85	54.56	3,952.54
Lillington	Grady Johnson	41.26	5.00	556.15
Lincolnton	Jas. A. Shuford	332.39	62.50	4,641.57
Littleton	P. A. Harris	64.11	7.50	668.97
Louisburg	A. W. Person	79.25	50.00	3,184.60
Lumberton	Ed. J. Glover	452.29	25.00	7,149.82
Madison	R. M. Goolsby	84.87		748.13
Maiden	T. D. Finger	23.55	6.45	453.43
Marion	G. W. Giles	156.85	9.38	2,289.01
Marshall				
Maxton				
Mebane	Geo. E. Holt, Jr.	64.81	5.00	650.64
Mocksville	R. M. Holthouser	67.31		327.66

Monroe				
Mooresville	H. P. Deaton	165.42	5.00	1,713.72
Morehead City				
Morganton	J. R. Clodfelter	323.56	11.25	4,905.75
Murphy				
Mount Airy	Robt. M. Smith	677.55	32.22	12,802.02
Mount Holly				
Mount Olive	T. R. Thigpen	223.42	20.00	2,761.20
Nashville				
New Bern	R. C. Whitley	502.90	26.50	4,407.11
Newton	Frank L. Clapp	262.17	15.99	3,289.88
No. Wilkesboro	W. W. Starr	315.16	20.00	4,909.48
Old Fort	H. M. Hensley	18.95	5.00	56.93
Oriental				
Oxford	V. W. Taylor	247.13	73.09	4,057.70
Pinebluff				
Pinehurst	Harold Kelly	199.19	171.04	922.75
Plymouth				
Raeford				
Raleigh	Wm. P. Little	2,051.97	774.90	19,742.43
Red Springs				
Reidsville	E. F. Hall, Jr.	655.80	44.13	10,210.66
Roanoke Rapids	H. E. Lee	279.95	11.25	3,606.89
Robersonville	I. M. Little	79.33		808.58
Rockingham	W. H. Entwistle	192.89	13.19	3,331.84
Rocky Mount				
Rowland				
Roxboro	W. W. Woods	162.73	.20	1,622.64
Rutherfordton	Paul Boucher	90.95		646.55
Salisbury	Chas. L. Burkett	676.65	552.00	6,769.52
Sanford	J. R. Ingram	234.10	10.00	2,778.66
Scotland Neck	J. I. Walston	104.32	70.00	726.40
Selma	J. Q. A. Jeffreys	40.34	5.00	645.12
Shelby	J. L. McDowell	459.15	50.25	6,317.74
Siler City	Wm. E. Sharpe	70.66	28.00	535.04
Smithfield	C. H. Pierce	140.51	1.04	1,567.70
Snow Hill				
Spindale	C. L. Beaty	54.07		206.05
Spring Hope	C. M. Gaskins	88.42	5.00	1,316.09
Spruce Pine				
Southern Pine	R. W. Tate	238.06	50.83	3,300.88
Southport				
Spencer	W. H. Shannon	52.77		1,044.14

Statesville				
Sylva	F. H. Picklesimer	45.44		444.62
St. Pauls	E. M. Paul	46.95	42.00	69.13
Tabor City				
Tarboro				
Taylorsville	E. A. Adams	63.78	.80	316.62
Thomasville	R. W. Pope	356.98	15.00	5,161.17
Troutman	W. A. Allison	8.31		16.55
Troy	M. A. Nicholson	52.81	5.00	327.63
Tryon				
Valdese				
Wadesboro	Frank G. Fetzer	2,232.13	50.00	7,190.35
Wake Forest	Geo. W. Saintsing	78.40		682.51
Wallace				
Warrenton	J. E. Rooker, Jr.	72.22	86.00	.98
Warsaw				
Washington				
Waynesville	J. H. Way, Jr.	181.06	40.00	1,962.96
Weaverville	Glen West, Jr.	13.59		103.46
Weldon	Myrtle W. Smith	104.65	5.00	1,235.16
Wendell	W. E. Todd	41.82	5.00	435.57
Whiteville				
Williamston	S. C. Griffin	178.94		1,712.24
Wilmington				
Wilson				
Winston Salem	E. M. Dixon		1,902.14	78,883.52
Wrightsville Beach				
Zebulon	Chas. E. Flowers	80.04	5.00	323.62

REEL CONTESTS (100) YARDS

— 1941 —

No Competing Teams.

GRAB CONTESTS

No Competing Teams.

MOTOR CONTESTS

Water and Chemicals

No Competing Teams.

HORSE HOSE WAGON CONTEST

Team	Time in Seconds
1907—Asheville, No. 2	29 4/5
1908—Eclipse, Goldsboro	34 1/4
1909—Asheville No. 1	26 1/3
1910—Kinston	29
1911—New Bern, No 1	26 1/2
1912—New Bern, No. 1	33 2/5
1913—New Bern, No. 1 (Riverside)	30 3/5
1914—Burlington	30 3/5
1915—Morehead City, No. 1	29 2/5
1916—Kinston, No. 2, Morehead City No. 1	27 2/5

HAND REEL CONTEST

Team	Time in Seconds
1907—Salem	26 3/5
1908—Southside, (Chestnut Hill)	25
1911—Southside (Chestnut Hill)	22 3/5
1911—Southside (Chesnut Hill)	22 3/5
1912—Chapel Hill	25
1913—Chapel Hill	24
1914—Chapel Hill	24 1/5
1915—Chapel Hill	24 1/5
1916—Spencer (Shop Team)	22 2/5
1920—Spencer (Shop Team)	22 2/5
1920—Spencer	18
1921—Spencer	18
1922—Winston-Salem	22
1923—Winston-Salem	18 3/5
1924—East Spencer	18

1925—Winston-Salem	18
1926—Spencer (Shop)	17 3/5
1927—East Spencer	18
1928—Spencer (Shop)	17
1929—Kannapolis, East Spencer	16 2/5
1930—Kannapolis	16 4/5
1931—Kannapolis	16 1/5
1932—Kannapolis	16 4/5
1933—Kannapolis	15 4/5
1934—Kannapolis	17
1935—Kannapolis	20 3/5
1936—No Contest	0
1937—Kannapolis	16 2/5

GRAB RACES

Team	Time in Seconds
1907—Southside (Chestnut Hill)	19
1907—Salem	17 3/5
1909—Spencer	17 4/5
1910—Spencer	17
1911—Spencer	16 4/5
1912—Southside (Chestnut Hill)	18
1913—Spencer (Shop Team)	17
1914—Chapel Hill	18 2/5
1915—Spencer (Shop Team)	17 3/5
1916—Spencer (Shop Team)	16 2/5
1921—Chapel Hill	18 4/5
1922—Winston-Salem	20 1/5
1923—East Spencer	16 3/5
1924—Winston-Salem	19
1925—Spencer (Shop Team)	16 2/5
1926—East Spencer	17
1927—Spencer (Shop)	16 4/5
1928—East Spencer	16 1/5
1929—East Spencer	17 2/5
1930—East Spencer No. 1	16
1931—Kannapolis	15 4/5
1932—Kannapolis	16
1933—Kannapolis	15 3/5
1934—Kannapolis	17
1935—Kannapolis	17
1936—No Contest	0
1937—Kannapolis	16 2/5

MOTOR CONTEST

	Water		Chemicals
	Seconds		Seconds
1920—Statesville	12	Mooresville	17 1/5
1921—Statesville	10 2/5	Statesville	8 4/5
1922—High Point	9 2/5	Asheville	9 2/5
1923—Statesville No. 2	9 2/5	High Point	9
1924—Thomasville	10 2/6	Sanford	8 1/5
1925—Statesville	8 4/5	Albemarle	8
1926—Fayetteville	9 4/5	Fayetteville	8 1/5
1927—Fayetteville	9 3/5	Lincolnton	8 3/5
1928—Thomasville	10	Lincolnton	8
1929—Sanford	9 2/5	Lincolnton	8
1930—Canton	9 4/5	Lincolnton	7 4/5
1931—Sanford	10	Lincolnton	7 2/5
1932—Lincolnton	9 1/5	Lincolnton	8 2/5
1933—Lincolnton	10 1/5	Sanford	8 2/5
1934—Morganton	8 4/5	Sanford	7
1935—Lincolnton	9 2/5	Sanford	7 2/5
1936—Badin	10 1/5	Gibsonville	7 4/5
1937—Albemarle No. 1	9	Lincolnton—(Tie)	8
1938—Albemarle	10	Sanford	8
1939—Albemarle	9 2/5	Lincolnton	9
1940—Albemarle	9	Gibsonville	7 4/5

Important

IMPORTANT: You are required to observe the following BY-LAWS of the State Association and Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina.

PER-CAPITA TAX TO BE PAID: You are required to pay your per-capita tax on or before January 1st. each year. BY-LAWS, Article II. Section 1.

REPORT TO BE FILED: You are required to report to the Insurance Commissioner each year on or before October 31st. on blank furnished by the Insurance Commissioner, the condition of your fire fighting equipment, etc., Consolidated Statutes, Section 6071.

TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ANNUAL MEETING: You are required to send a representative to the annual meeting of the State Association. Consolidated Statutes, Section 6072.

TO FILE REPORT OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND: The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of your local Relief Fund is required to make report of the condition of the fund for each year ending June 30th., to the Secretary of the State Association on blank furnished from his office. Consolidated Statutes, Section 6070.

WHEN THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET: When these requirements are met you will be in good standing with the State Association, and will have complied with all Statutes relative to the Firemen's Relief Fund, disbursed by the Insurance Commissioner's Office.

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